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TSNet: a foundation model for wireless network status prediction in digital twins

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Predicting future network status is a key capability in digital twin networks and can assist operators in estimating network performance and taking proactive measures in advance. Existing methods, including statistical methods, machine learning based methods, and deep learning based methods, suffer from several limitations in generalization ability and data dependency. To overcome these drawbacks, inspired by the success of pretraining and the fine-tuning framework in the natural language processing (NLP) and computer vision (CV) domains, we propose TSNet, a Transformer-based foundation model for predicting various network status measurements in digital twins. To adapt the Transformer architecture to time-series data, frequency learning attention and time-series decomposition blocks are implemented. We also design a fine-tuning strategy to enable TSNet to adapt to new data or scenarios. Experiments demonstrate that zero-shot prediction using TSNet without any training data performs better than fully supervised baseline methods and achieves higher accuracy. In addition, the prediction accuracy could be further improved by equipping the proposed model with fine-tuning. Overall, TSNet exhibits strong capability and achieves high accuracy in various datasets.

1 Introduction

In recent years, digital twin (DT) technologies have been increasingly important and useful in wireless communications. A digital twin network (DTN) is a virtual representation of a physical communication network. Given the current network status as inputs, DTN can predict the future network state change, and then predict the future network performance (such as latency and reliability) based on the results and the network optimization strategies (Khan et al., 2022). Thus, network status prediction is a basic DTN capability.

In wireless networks, there are many kinds of measurements that characterize the network status, such as radio resource utilization, user equipment (UE) throughput, and the radio resource control (RRC) connection number. These measurements are collected as time-series data with the format of (timestamp, value). Therefore, network status prediction is fundamentally a problem of time-series forecasting.

In the literature, many efforts have been devoted to time-series prediction, including traditional statistical methods, machine learning based methods, and deep learning based methods. However, these methods suffer from several limitations in practice. First, statistical methods require strong assumptions concerning data and careful parameter tuning. Considering hundreds of network status measurements and

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a large number of base stations, it is time-consuming and tedious for engineers to manually select a suitable method with the best parameters for each sequence. Second, learning-based methods require long-term historical data for training. However, obtaining adequate data in the operating communication network may not always be feasible. Third, real-world networks tend to change frequently due to configuration changes, resulting in concept drift in data distribution. The model trained on old data will be aged, and sufficient new data need to be collected to train new models. Therefore, we aim to design a general and robust prediction approach that could be applied to various network status measurements.

Motivated by the pretraining and fine-tuning framework, several time-series foundation models have been proposed, for example, TimesNet (Wu et al., 2023), GPT4TS (Zhou T et al., 2023), LLM4TS (Chang et al., 2024), and TimesFM (Das et al., 2024). However, in the face of various and massive network status indicators with different monitoring granularity in communication networks, these methods, which are trained on open-source datasets, do not perform well. Thus, we propose TSNet, a general framework for network status prediction in DTNs. Specifically, TSNet comprises three key components: data preprocessing, pretraining, and fine-tuning. In the data preprocessing stage, we collect numerous historical sequences from multiple wireless experimental networks as training datasets, aiming to improve the generality and robustness of the model using diverse data. In the pretraining stage, we design a novel neural network architecture with 0.1 billion parameters. To adapt the traditional Transformer architecture to time-series data, frequency learning attention and time-series decomposition are adopted to capture the temporal dependency. The model can be trained in a self-supervised manner, in a prediction task with a mean squared error (MSE) loss function. After pretraining, the trained model can be used to predict a new sequence directly (zero-shot). Furthermore, we design a minimal fine-tuning (MinFT) method that freezes the majority of parameters to fine-tune the pretrained model with a few days of historical data (few-shot), to make TSNet adapt to new data or scenarios better and further enhance the accuracy.

The contributions of this paper are summarized as follows:

1. To tackle the limitations in generalization and data dependency of existing methods, motivated by the framework of pretraining and fine-tuning, we propose a foundation model named TSNet for network status prediction in wireless DTNs. TSNet aims to make all measurements share a prediction model. In addition, equipping TSNet with a larger model and larger training datasets could achieve better accuracy and generality compared with baseline methods.

2. We design three key components in TSNet: data preprocessing, self-supervised pretraining, and few-shot fine-tuning. Specifically, we import frequency learning attention and time-series decomposition into the traditional Transformer, to model time-series data better.

3. We have conducted extensive experiments by comparing TSNet with several existing approaches. Our results demonstrate that zero-shot TSNet achieves the best prediction accuracy compared with baseline methods using long-term historical data for fully supervised training.

2 Related works

2.1 Traditional statistical methods

Classical methods are typically based on statistical techniques, such as ARIMA (Mehrmolaei and Keyvanpour, 2016) and Holt-Winter (Hyndman and Athanasopoulos, 2018). However, statistical methods tend to make strong assumptions on data distribution (such as seasonality and stationarity), whereas the network status in cellular networks is dynamic, which can be too complex for the statistical models to fit on most occasions.

2.2 Traditional machine learning methods

In general, time-series prediction could be regarded as a classical regression problem in machine learning. Thus, any regression algorithms could be adopted to model the relationship between historical and future data points. Ensemble methods such as random forest (Breiman, 2001) are effective learners of time-series data and combine multiple base tree models. They can mitigate overfitting and improve prediction accuracy on real datasets. However, these methods require engineers to design effective features carefully to achieve high accuracy.

2.3 Deep neural networks

In recent years, researchers have explored deep neural networks to leverage the capability of data-driven modeling for time-series prediction tasks. Time convolutional network (TCN) based models (Liu YJ et al., 2019) extract and fuse meaningful temporal features by learnable convolutional kernels. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs) (Salinas et al., 2020) are capable of capturing long-term dependencies within sequential data, by continuously updating the internal states at each time step. Long short-term memory (LSTM) is a variant of RNNs, addressing the vanishing and exploding gradient issues in RNNs by introducing a gating mechanism to control the information flow. Inspired by the success of Transformers in NLP (Lin et al., 2022), recent works have been exploring time-series Transformers (Zhou HY et al., 2021; Challu et al., 2022; Liu S et al., 2022; Liu Y et al., 2022; Zhou T et al., 2022). Thanks to the attention mechanism, time-series Transformers are more efficient and effective in capturing long-term context information, with the benefit of parallel computation.

2.4 Foundation models

Foundation models have demonstrated remarkable performance in the NLP domain (Paaß and Giesselbach, 2023). TimesNet (Wu et al., 2023) leverages multi-periodicity to capture time variations, and projects the one-dimensional (1D) time series into a two-dimensional (2D) space. Subsequently, it capitalizes on existing pretrained vision backbone networks as feature extractors. Finally, the extracted features are applied to any of the five downstream time-series tasks. GPT4TS (Zhou T et al., 2023) and LLM4TS (Chang et al., 2024) repurpose pretrained language models for the time-series task and consider textual data and time series to be similar to sequential characteristics. TimesFM (Das et al., 2024) uses a decoder-only structure

and is pretrained with time-series datasets from scratch.

Specifically, pure time-series pretrained models are preferred for the following reasons: First, only a small part of parameters could be fine-tuned when using the CV or NLP model for time-series prediction, leading to poor flexibility. Second, there are noticeably fewer parameters for pure time-series pretrained models than those for the language area. Thus, using a larger model will bring high inference cost. Third, the latest research (Das et al., 2024) shows that pure time-series models work better. In summary, this paper aims to design and train a time-series foundation model in the wireless communication network domain.

3 Approach

3.1 Overall framework

Fig. 1 is an overview of TSNet. First, we collect numerous historical network status sequences (more than 300 000) as our training datasets for pre-training. To avoid the low-quality data destroying model accuracy, we design a data quality measurement strategy to ensure the quality of datasets. For the pretraining stage, we propose a novel network architecture for TSNet with 0.1 billion parameters, including frequency learning attention and time-series decomposition components, which enhance the traditional Transformer for capturing temporal relationships. The model can be trained in a self-supervised manner using a prediction task with an MSE loss function. In the inference stage, the trained TSNet model can be used for direct prediction (zero-shot). In addition, we propose a freezing method to fine-tune the pretrained model with a few historical data (few-shot), to help TSNet better adapt to new data and scenarios.

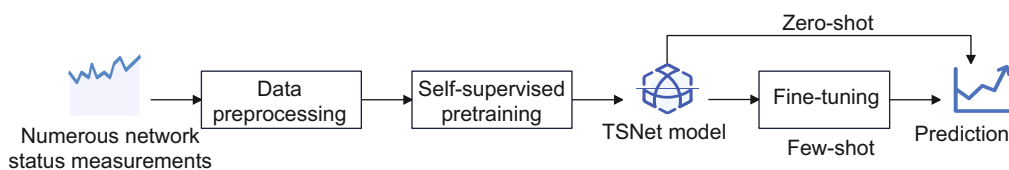


Fig. 1 Pipeline of TSNet

3.2 Data preprocessing

We collect more than 300 000 time sequences from multiple experimental sites. Data preprocessing aims to filter low-quality data and standardize the data, so the data can be fed into the neural network for training.

3.2.1 Data quality measurement

Completeness: During data collection and transmission phases between network elements and the DTN, monitoring data may be lost. As the result of such potential data loss, the temporal sequence may be incomplete, and thereby null values are introduced into the sequence. In the pretraining stage, time sequences with a missing data ratio exceeding 5% are deemed hazardous for representation learning and are consequently discarded.

Variation: In typical scenarios, network status indicators are expected to vary across each monitoring interval, genuinely reflecting the dynamic operation status of communication networks. However, the measurements sometimes appear constant. The possible reasons include the related measurement being not supported by the network element or the network element going offline. Such sequences without any variation provide limited temporal information, rendering them ineffective for pretraining. Given the normalized sequence within the range of 0–1, the sequences with variance less than 0.05 are filtered out.

3.2.2 Data normalization

Network status measurements exhibit diverse units and data range. For instance, the average number of users typically ranges from 10 to 100, whereas downlink traffic volume is measured in bits, often reaching values in millions. Thus, all input time-series sequences fed into TSNet are normalized to a predefined scale, ranging from 0 and 1, using min-max scaling.

3.3 Architecture details and pretraining

TSNet is a Transformer-based time-series foundation model, being able to extract the universal features from any sequence and provide representation for various downstream tasks. Fig. 2 illustrates the model details. We select the Transformer architec-

ture for TSNet, with minor adaption to time-series data. The vanilla attention blocks are substituted with frequency learning attention layers, which perform attention in the frequency domain. Additionally, time-series decomposition blocks are inserted before attention blocks to extract time patterns.

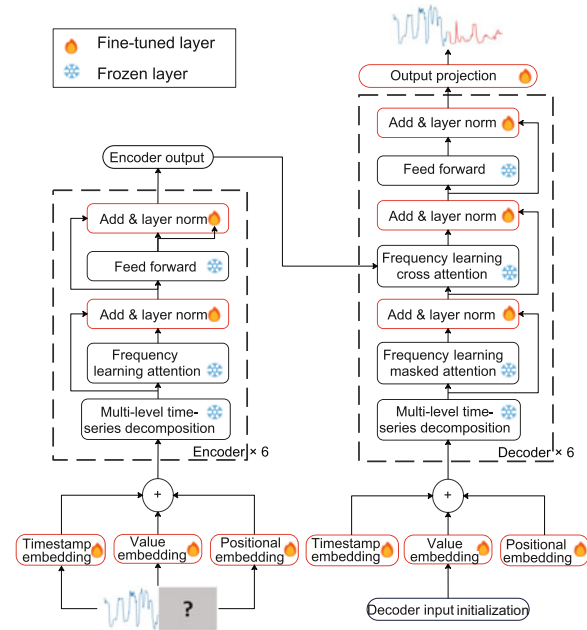


Fig. 2 Overall TSNet model architecture. The fine-tuned components in MinFT are marked in red, and the frozen components are marked in black. References to color refer to the online version of this figure

3.3.1 Input embedding

The input data for TSNet consist of scalar sequences paired with their corresponding timestamps. Value embedding is used to project the scalar time sequence into the model's dimension space. Sinusoidal positional encoding is added to incorporate local contextual information and enable sequential processing by the attention mechanisms. Additionally, timestamp embedding proposed by Zhou HY et al. (2021) is employed to provide absolute temporal information, enriching the model with global temporal features.

3.3.2 Channel independence

In TSNet, multivariate time-series data are processed independently as separate univariate sequences, employing the channel independence policy

(Nie et al., 2023; Chang et al., 2024). Considering that different network status measurements from the same cell may have potential mutual influence on each other, such cross-sequence information might be limited and nonuniversal. One notable advantage of TSNet is its ability to handle diverse types of input sequences concurrently, no matter whether they represent the same performance for neighboring cells or are correlated metrics within the same cell. Consequently, TSNet can process any group of input sequences simultaneously yet independently, ensuring consistent feature extraction and forecasting results for successive inputs.

3.3.3 Time-series decomposition

We introduce the time-series decomposition modules within the Transformer block, which enhances its adaptability and applicability for learning complex time-series data. These modules are designed to separate the original time series and hidden states into distinct seasonal and trend components. The decompositions enable the model to capture and use both short-term fluctuations and long-term trends more effectively. Network status measurements often exhibit pronounced seasonal behaviors. For example, the average user number typically increases in the morning and decreases after 5 pm on weekdays. Conversely, the average user number may remain low during weekends, particularly from those cells near office buildings. Therefore, we incorporate time-series decomposition layers in the network to separate the seasonal and trend components and enable more effective capture of such features.

The decomposition process begins with trend extraction. We employ a series of smoothing filters, implemented as average pooling layers with different kernel sizes. These pooling layers serve as low-pass filters, smoothing the sequence over varying time scales to capture the long-term trend. The kernel sizes are learnable parameters, allowing the model to adapt the level of smoothing based on data features. Padding is applied to ensure that the output maintains the same length.

Once the trend is extracted from the sequence, the seasonal component can be isolated by subtracting the trend from the original sequence. The residual sequence highlights the periodic fluctuations, effectively capturing the recurring patterns in the data. Seasonal component isolation allows the subsequent

layers to focus on learning the periodic behaviors independently from the long-term trend.

By incorporating these decomposition modules, TSNet can better learn from both short-term seasonal variations and long-term trends, improving its capability to forecast complex time-series with multiple periodicities. This decomposition approach not only enhances feature representation but also mitigates the challenge of capturing mixed-frequency temporal patterns, resulting in more accurate and reliable predictions.

3.3.4 Frequency learning attention

Instead of conducting attention directly in the time domain, we implement multi-head attention in the frequency domain and achieve improved computational efficiency and the ability to capture implicit features. The primary limitation of attention in the temporal domain lies in its restriction to computing dependencies solely between discrete time steps, which might fail to capture local semantic contexts such as peaks or sudden increases, particularly in sequences with complex and nonlinear dependencies. Moreover, densely connected attention in the time domain has a complexity of N^2 , where N represents the length of the input sequence, allowing each time step to attend any other time step along the sequence.

Given that network status measurements normally demonstrate useful periodic properties and contain stochastic noise, points in the frequency domain may provide more useful information compared to time-domain representations. We leverage such characteristics and address the shortcomings of the attention mechanism with sparse frequency learning attention, enabling effective and efficient universal representation learning of time-series data. The proposed frequency learning attention involves several time sequence procedures: Fourier transform, sparse multi-head attention, and inverse Fourier transform. Considering the time sequence as a discrete signal, we use the discrete Fourier transform to project it from the time domain to the frequency domain. Subsequently, the frequency sequence undergoes a sparse multi-head attention with k sampled data points. This frequency-based projection highlights periodic features and may serve as a noise filter when combined with frequency-domain sampling. Ultimately, we fill the unsampled points with the sequence mean,

and then reconstruct it in the time domain through the inverse Fourier transform.

3.3.5 Pretraining

We pretrain TSNet with a combination of publicly available time-series datasets and a non-public network status indicator dataset collected from multiple experimental sites and laboratory environments. The public datasets include the M4 hourly dataset (Makridakis et al., 2018) and the electricity Transformer temperature dataset (ETT) (Zhou HY et al., 2021). The M4 hourly dataset, characterized by evident daily seasonality with minimal noise, is considered suitable for warmup training and aligning the Transformer architecture with the inherent characteristics of time-series data. Meanwhile, the ETT dataset, which contains two-year data points, is considered favorable for TSNet to capture long-term time-sequence variations. We then train TSNet with the wireless domain dataset, which comprises more than 300 000 time sequences collected from multiple wireless experimental environments. During the pretraining stage, the sequences are mixed and fed into TSNet without differentiation based on indicator types. The purpose of pretraining is to establish common feature extraction capability for TSNet, enabling it to perform zero-shot forecasting tasks.

3.4 Fine-tuning

Fine-tuning basically refers to the process of adjusting and tweaking a pretrained model on smaller, specific datasets to enhance performance in a particular task or domain. It bridges the gap between generic pretrained models and the unique requirements of specific applications.

Based on the pretrained TSNet, we propose a MinFT method that updates only a small set of parameters and freezes the rest of the parameters in the model. Specifically, MinFT fine-tunes three specific components of TSNet, including the input embedding layers (value embedding, positional embedding, and timestamp embedding), the layer norm (LN), and the output layer, as framed in red in Fig. 2. The input layer and output layer are reinitialized because the model is transferred to the new data, and the LN is fine-tuned as is standard practice in other fine-tuning works (Rebuffi et al., 2017; Housby et al., 2019; Lu et al., 2022). Note that the attention layers

are frozen because the target data are similar to the pretrained data and therefore the acquired knowledge preserved in the attention layers can be directly recapped in the new domains.

The advantages of MinFT are as follows: (1) Improved accuracy. The adjusted parameters can adapt to the new input data and help the model exploit the hidden features of the input. (2) Time saving and high memory efficiency. MinFT updates a small part of the model, thus having a much smaller number of parameters involved than in the original model. (3) Overcoming the catastrophic forgetting phenomenon. MinFT does not adjust all the weights in the original model and thus the previously learned key information is preserved.

4 Evaluation

4.1 Dataset and evaluation metrics

We collect the testing set from a new experimental site to prevent data leakage. The testing dataset contains eight measurements, namely downlink/uplink prb utilization, downlink/uplink traffic, average downlink/uplink user throughput, the average number of users, and the number of RRC connection attempts. The duration of the testing dataset spans 30 d with a constant interval of 1 h, thereby providing a sufficiently long period to train baseline models. The specific prediction task involves predicting the network status measurement for the subsequent 10 time steps, given the data from the preceding 90 time steps as input. We use the mean squared error ($MSE = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$) and mean absolute error ($MAE = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$) as evaluation metrics, where y_i is the ground truth and \hat{y}_i is the predicted value from the model.

4.2 Zero-shot performance

We select several baseline models for comparison, including LSTM, NHiTS, Nbeats, and the temporal fusion Transformer (TFT). Each baseline method is trained individually for each indicator and each cell, using the first 75% sequence for training. Subsequently, the last 25% sequence is used for evaluation in a sliding window fashion. Finally, we compute the MAE and MSE for each subseries. The results are summarized in Table 1, with the best score of each group in bold. Table 1 also presents

Table 1 Prediction results of TSNet and baseline methods on evaluation datasets

Cell	Metric	TSNet (zero-shot)		LSTM		Nbeats		TFT		NHITS		TSNet (fine-tuned)	
		MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE
1	PRB.DL	0.0117	0.0792	0.0215	0.1073	0.0100	0.0811	0.0175	0.0986	0.0118	0.0845	<i>0.0084</i>	<i>0.0701</i>
	PRB.UL	0.0171	0.1038	0.0211	0.1078	0.0132	0.0895	0.0176	0.1057	0.0157	0.0969	<i>0.0142</i>	<i>0.0964</i>
	Traffic.DL	0.0118	0.0782	0.0205	0.1021	0.0133	0.0847	0.0413	0.1664	0.0155	0.0919	<i>0.0091</i>	<i>0.0726</i>
	Traffic.UL	0.0215	0.1065	0.0292	0.1172	0.0223	0.1062	0.0248	0.1201	0.0219	0.1019	<i>0.0155</i>	<i>0.0883</i>
	Num.user	0.0072	0.0634	0.0128	0.0822	0.0036	0.0454	0.0144	0.0854	0.0039	0.0488	<i>0.0042</i>	<i>0.0487</i>
	Thrp.DL	0.0192	0.1062	0.0265	0.1217	0.0203	0.1010	0.0389	0.1459	0.0241	0.1105	<i>0.0106</i>	<i>0.0851</i>
	Thrp.UL	0.0313	0.1339	0.0514	0.1796	0.0352	0.1482	0.0490	0.1797	0.0452	0.1640	<i>0.0210</i>	<i>0.1184</i>
	RRC.connect	0.0072	0.0614	0.0441	0.1782	0.0041	0.0505	0.0616	0.2093	0.0039	0.0464	<i>0.0049</i>	<i>0.0497</i>
2	PRB.DL	0.0300	0.1143	0.0579	0.1731	0.0428	0.1426	0.0490	0.1615	0.0425	0.1424	<i>0.0141</i>	<i>0.0892</i>
	PRB.UL	0.0346	0.1255	0.1169	0.2846	0.0756	0.2153	0.0871	0.2416	0.0979	0.2586	<i>0.0156</i>	<i>0.0884</i>
	Traffic.DL	0.0228	0.1050	0.0398	0.1427	0.0646	0.1974	0.0372	0.1416	0.0296	0.1227	<i>0.0134</i>	<i>0.0841</i>
	Traffic.UL	0.0505	0.1041	0.0700	0.1348	0.0594	0.1134	0.0699	0.1362	0.0616	0.1172	<i>0.0167</i>	<i>0.0624</i>
	Num.user	0.0596	0.1664	0.1452	0.2942	0.0994	0.2413	0.1403	0.2867	0.1082	0.2500	<i>0.0162</i>	<i>0.0983</i>
	Thrp.DL	0.0426	0.1553	0.0826	0.2324	0.0396	0.1616	0.0377	0.1365	0.0483	0.1745	<i>0.0315</i>	<i>0.1355</i>
	Thrp.UL	0.0235	0.0922	0.0252	0.0879	0.0247	0.0900	0.0238	0.0881	0.0320	0.1150	<i>0.0104</i>	<i>0.0735</i>
	RRC.connect	0.1205	0.2151	0.2839	0.3935	0.2503	0.3567	0.3762	0.4835	0.3245	0.4331	<i>0.0411</i>	<i>0.1242</i>
3	PRB.DL	0.0123	0.0827	0.0208	0.1070	0.0150	0.0983	0.0356	0.1542	0.0167	0.1024	<i>0.0071</i>	<i>0.0672</i>
	PRB.UL	0.0318	0.0956	0.0490	0.1414	0.0323	0.0999	0.0703	0.1727	0.0430	0.1252	<i>0.0086</i>	<i>0.0713</i>
	Traffic.DL	0.0234	0.1100	0.0328	0.1373	0.0249	0.1209	0.0566	0.1982	0.0265	0.1230	<i>0.0154</i>	<i>0.0952</i>
	Traffic.UL	0.0371	0.0993	0.0505	0.1274	0.0331	0.1041	0.0447	0.0980	0.0662	0.1319	<i>0.0092</i>	<i>0.0721</i>
	Num.user	0.0209	0.1164	0.0626	0.2047	0.0312	0.1381	0.0769	0.2276	0.0388	0.1555	<i>0.0133</i>	<i>0.0962</i>
	Thrp.DL	0.0416	0.1242	0.0484	0.1278	0.0427	0.1321	0.0720	0.1622	0.0484	0.1438	<i>0.0102</i>	<i>0.0771</i>
	Thrp.UL	0.0545	0.0994	0.0609	0.1066	0.0560	0.0916	0.0542	0.0853	0.0557	0.1046	<i>0.0074</i>	<i>0.0671</i>
	RRC.connect	0.0249	0.1278	0.1947	0.3747	0.0590	0.1967	0.3086	0.4989	0.0737	0.2310	<i>0.0145</i>	<i>0.1022</i>
Average	0.0316	0.1111	0.0653	0.1694	0.0447	0.1336	0.0752	0.1827	0.0523	0.1448	<i>0.0139</i>	<i>0.0847</i>	

MSE: mean squared error; MAE: mean absolute error. The best score of each group except fine-tuned TSNet is indicated in bold. The performance of TSNet fine-tuned with MinFT is in italics

the zero-shot prediction results for TSNet, evaluated on only the last 25%, without depending on the first 75% of each sequence for training.

Table 1 indicates that TSNet outperforms the baseline models in most cases regarding MSE and MAE. Specifically, TSNet achieves the best performance in 17 out of 24 cases measured by MSE and 15 out of 24 cases measured by MAE. Overall, TSNet achieves the lowest average MSE (0.0316) and MAE (0.1111) on all testing sets. The experimental results also indicate that the performance of the baseline methods is unstable on different data. For certain indicators, TFT and NHITS achieve marginally superior performance. This discrepancy could be influenced by factors such as the specific characteristics of the sequence or randomness inherent in the training process.

More importantly, the baseline methods necessitate the collection of historical data for training, covering a significantly long period, which is 22.5 d in our experimental setup. In addition, efforts are required to train each model for individual cells and indicators. In contrast, TSNet is directly evaluated without any prior provision of historical sequences. In conclusion, TSNet demonstrates strong generalization abilities in wireless network status prediction, achieving the best performance on average across dif-

ference measurements without depending on historical training datasets.

4.3 Effectiveness of fine-tuning

Table 1 presents the performance of TSNet fine-tuned with MinFT (see the last two columns). Overall, MinFT achieves the best average MSE and MAE compared with zero-shot TSNet and baseline methods. The average MSE drops from 0.0316 for zero-shot TSNet to 0.0139 for fine-tuned TSNet, and the MAE drops from 0.1111 for zero-shot TSNet to 0.0847 for fine-tuned TSNet, demonstrating the effectiveness of fine-tuning.

5 Conclusions

In this paper, we propose TSNet, a novel time-series foundation model designed for network status prediction in DTs. TSNet demonstrates competitive zero-shot prediction capability on diverse network status measurements, achieving the best prediction results regarding MSE and MAE on average compared with fully supervised prediction models trained with historical data. For future endeavors, we plan to explore TSNet's capability for unified time-series representation, extending to various downstream tasks including time-series

classification, anomaly detection, and pattern matching.

Contributors

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All the authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

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The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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