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## 크로노패턴넷: 발전된 시간 패턴 인식과 효율적인 연산 설계로 전력 소비 예측 개선

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# ChronoPatternNet: Revolutionizing Electricity Consumption Forecasting with Advanced Temporal Pattern Recognition and **Efficient Computational Design**

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#### [요 약]

ChronoPatternNet은 고급 시계열 패턴 인식을 위해 독특하 2D 합성곱 접근법을 사용하여 전력 소비 예측을 개선한다. Fast Fourier Transform으로 최적화된 'chronocycle' 하이퍼과라미터는 '순환 시간 프레임'을 구성하여 패턴 추출과 예측 정확도를 향상 한다. Layer Normalization과 Residual Learning의 통합은 기울기 문제를 완화하고 모델 안정성을 보장한다. 기존 모델과 비교해 매 개변수 수를 58.8%에서 61.9% 줄여 우수한 효율성을 입증한다. 조밀한 디자인과 장기 예측 능력으로 ChronoPatternNet은 실시간 에너지 관리에서 중요한 진전이다.

### [Abstract]

ChronoPatternNet revolutionizes power forecasting using a unique 2D convolutional approach for advanced temporal pattern recognition. The 'chronocycle' hyperparameter, optimized via fast Fourier transform, structures 'Cyclical Time Frames,' enhancing both extraction and prediction accuracy. Integration of layer normalization and residual learning mitigates the vanishing gradient problem, ensuring stability. With superior efficiency, ChronoPatternNet achieves a reduction in the number of parameters ranging from 58.8% to 61.9% compared to existing models. This positions ChronoPatternNet as a significant advancement in real-time energy management.

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## I. Introduction

Electricity, as a vital element of modern life, necessitates robust and accurate forecasting methods to ensure efficiency and safety. With increasing dependency on electrical systems, the significance of predictive monitoring to prevent incidents and optimize usage has never been more paramount[1],[2]. Traditional forecasting methods, such as ARIMA[3] and Gaussian processes[4], have been foundational in this domain. However, these approaches often struggle with scalability and flexibility, especially in adapting to new data inputs, which is crucial in the dynamic landscape of electricity usage.

While foundational, these traditional models have notable limitations in handling the evolving complexity of electricity consumption data. ARIMA, a widely used method for time series forecasting, is constrained by its linear nature and assumption of stationarity, making it less effective in capturing nonlinear patterns and abrupt changes in electricity usage[5],[6]. Gaussian processes, offering a probabilistic approach, face challenges in scaling to large datasets and require extensive computation, limiting their practicality in realtime forecasting scenarios[7].

To deal with the complexity and larger data, deep learning-based methods were then introduced such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with Temporal Convolutional Networks (TCN), and the recent Transformer architectures[8]. more Nevertheless, LSTM and GRU networks, while addressing some limitations of traditional models, encounter their own challenges. These include issues with gradient dynamics and insufficient memory retention[9]. Concurrently, TCN models, which represent a significant development in sequence modeling, however dilated convolutions in TCN, although useful for long-range dependency capture, can substantially raise computational and memory demands, particularly with lengthy or high-dimensional data[10]. The Transformer architecture, despite its proficiency in handling long sequences, grapples with demands of large datasets and computational intensity [11],[12], particularly in realtime forecasting - a critical aspect for electricity consumption monitoring.

To address these challenges, this paper introduces the "ChronoPatternNet" model, a novel approach to time series forecasting, with a focus on electricity consumption prediction. Contributions of ChronoPatternNet:

• Innovative pattern recognition: ChronoPatternNet introduces a novel method for identifying and leveraging repetitive patterns in electricity usage, enhancing the model's ability to make accurate forecasts based on historical data.

• Computational efficiency: By optimizing data processing through CNN architecture, our model achieves higher efficiency in both training and inference, making it viable for realtime forecasting and deployment on devices with limited resources.

• Adaptability to varied forecasting scenarios: Demonstrated effectiveness in both short-term and long-term forecasting scenarios, addressing a common limitation in existing models.

• Practical real world application: The compact and efficient design of ChronoPatternNet makes it a practical solution for real world energy forecasting, especially in smart grid systems.

• Open source contribution: With the public release of our model's source code, we aim to facilitate further research and development in the field, encouraging collaboration and innovation. The source code is available at https://github.com/andrewlee1807/Chrono PatternNet.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows: Section 2 delves into related work, setting the stage for our contributions. Section 3 articulates the methodology behind ChronoPatternNet, followed by Section 4, which details our experimental evaluations on a comprehensive dataset. Section 5 discusses the implications and conclusions of our work.

## II. Related Work

The analysis of energy consumption involves leveraging time-series data for forecasting, employing classical statistical models, deep learning, and structured state-space models. Statistical methodologies, such as ARIMA models and clustering techniques, are widely used in electronic consumption forecasting[13]-[15]. Despite their effectiveness in specific scenarios, these traditional statistical models encounter challenges when dealing with complex, non-linear, and noisy datasets, emphasizing the need for advanced methodologies[16].

In the context of deep learning, approaches like Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) and Sequence to Sequence (S2S) models are explored for short-term load forecasting[17]-[20]. The DeepAR method introduces an autoregressive recurrent neural network designed for accurate probabilistic forecasts by training on a substantial dataset comprising interconnected time series[21].

Temporal Convolutional Networks (TCNs), including the proposed SCINet, emphasize the preservation of temporal relationships. SCINet introduces a lightweight model with a stride-dilation mechanism to address the heaviness of TCN models[10],[22],[23].

In the realm of Transformer based models, advancements like Informer, Autoformer, and Fedformer enhance time series forecasting[24]–[26]. However, recent research indicates that basic linear models, as exemplified by TiDE, can outperform certain Transformer based approaches in long-term time-series forecasting[27]. The announcement of TimeGPT-1[28] introduces a foundational model for time series forecasting, showcasing the effective application of insights from other AI domains to time series analysis.



Fig. 1. Characteristics of electricity consumption-time series data

Recognizing the limitations of Transformers in handling real world time series data, the Structured State Space (S4) model emerges as a more efficient alternative, combining advantages from both CNNs and RNNs. This integration preserves interpretability while leveraging the power of deep learning to extract intricate patterns[29]-[31]. The emphasis on fusing global and local patterns for improved predictions remains crucial, given that recent deep learning models often remain one dimensional and demand high computational resources[32]. Hence. employing mixtures of repetitive temporal patterns remains a practical strategy to address long-dependency time series[17], as emphasized in this study.

## III. Methodology

This section provides a comprehensive overview of the Chronological Pattern Recognition Network (ChronoPatternNet), focusing on its approach to univariate, multi-step time series forecasting in the context of electricity consumption.

## 3-1 Preliminaries

Time series forecasting (TSF) can be categorized based on the nature of prediction and data dimensionality. Our study specifically addresses:

Single step and multi-step prediction: Single step prediction aims to forecast one future value at a time, whereas multi-step prediction involves predicting a sequence of future values. Our methodology is designed for Multi-Step Prediction, allowing it to forecast a range of future data points  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p\}$ from historical data  $\{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_T\}$ , where P is the prediction horizon, and T is the number of past observations.

Univariable and multivariable time series: While multivariable time series involve multiple interrelated variables, univariable time series consist of a single variable over time. Our focus is on univariable time series, specifically forecasting electricity consumption, single dimensional data set over time.

The task at hand is thus formalized as:

$$F = C(H) \tag{1}$$

Where  $F=\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p\}$  represents the multi-step forecast, and  $H=\{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_T\}$  denotes the historical univariate time series data. The model C is tasked with mapping H to F. Building the model C is learning process involves minimizing a loss function L(F, C(H))which quantifies the forecast error. This involves training the model on a dataset of N univariate time series samples, each comprising historical observations and corresponding future values. Next, we will introduce our proposal ChronoPatternNet model for TSF.

#### 3-2 ChronoPatternNet Architecture

An overview of ChronoPatternNet architecture is illustrated in Fig. 2.

The core of ChronoPatternNet's architecture is grounded in the identification and analysis of recurrent patterns within time series data of electricity usage. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the time series is decomposed into segments,  $S_i = \{s_{i1}, s_{i2}, \dots, s\}$  where n is the length of the segments or we call it "period" length, revealing structural similarities across different intervals. These patterns indicate that segments, despite being temporally distant,  $S_i$  and  $S_i$  for  $i\neq j$ , can possess significant predictive relevance for future periods.

Convolution in Pattern Extraction: ChronoPatternNet employs a 2D convolutional approach to extract information from these patterns. We define a set of "Cyclical Time Frames"  $T = \{T_1, T_2, ..., T_m\}$  where each  $T_i$  is a matrix constructed by stacking c periods on top of each other. The convolution operation over these frames is given by:

$$T_i^{\prime} = \operatorname{conv2D}(\mathbf{T}_i, \mathbf{K})$$
 (2)

Where  $T_i^{\prime}$  is the convoluted output, and K represents the convolution kernel. The number of stacked periods c, is determined by the "chronocycle" hyperparameter.

Receptive Field Dynamics in ChronoPatternNet: In the field of time series data analysis, the receptive field (RF) plays a crucial role due to the inherent temporal dependencies in the data. The RF for a given layer in the network, denoted as RF\_layer represents the span of historical data points that the neurons in this layer can access. The model's ability to capture these dependencies, whether short-term or long-term, is vital for accurate forecasting and effective pattern recognition, as depicted in Fig. 3. There are several methods to



Fig. 2. ChronoPatternNet's architecture



Fig. 3. The receptive field of neurons in filters

augment the RF in convolutional networks often involve strategies like employing dilated convolutions, increasing the depth of the network architecture, incorporating pooling layers, or utilizing higher pass convolutions[33]. However, ChronoPatternNet adopts a unique approach by constructing "Cyclical Time Frames" and applying 2D convolution, ChronoPatternNet not only leverages the spatial feature extraction capabilities to increase the RF but also benefits from parallel computation to improve training and inference speed. The effective increase in RF without significant modifications in model depth and complexity is thus achieved while maintaining computational efficiency. This novel architectural design ensures an expanded RF, crucial for capturing long-term dependencies in time series data.

Layer Normalization for Enhanced Stability: The ChronoPatternNet, designed for univariate time series forecasting in electricity consumption, integrates Layer Normalization (LN) to stabilize deeper network layers. Unlike Batch Normalization, LN operates on individual sample features, ensuring consistent computations across training and inference phases. This approach, inspired by advancements in "A ConvNet for the 2020s"[34] has demonstrated improved performance in our model, specifically suited for the challenges presented by time series data.

Residual Learning for Deep Network Efficacy: Incorporating residual blocks into the ChronoPatternNet architecture addresses the vanishing gradient problem, crucial for deep network training. These blocks consist of convolutional layers followed by LN and ReLU activation, facilitating the direct flow of gradients and allowing for deeper network construction without training efficiency loss. The final structure includes ReLU activation and fully connected layers post-residual blocks, synthesizing extracted features into predictions.



## 3–3 Determining the Period of a Time Series: "Chronocycle" Hyperparameter

A critical aspect of the ChronoPatternNet architecture is the determination of the "chronocycle" hyperparameter, which is instrumental in identifying the periodicity of the cyclical patterns within the time series data. This determination is crucial for structuring the "Cyclical Time Frames" and thus for the efficient extraction of recurrent patterns.

Fast Fourier Transform for Period Identification: To calculate the "chronocycle", ChronoPatternNet employs the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT), a widely recognized method for frequency analysis in time series data[35]. FFT transforms time domain data into the frequency domain, uncovering the predominant frequencies within the data, which correspond to the significant periods or cycles in the time series. The mathematical representation of applying FFT to our time series data  $H = \{h_1, h_2, ..., h_T\}$  is:

$$H_{fft} = FFT(H) \tag{3}$$

Where  $H_{fft}$  denotes the frequency domain representation of the historical time series data. The use of FFT as a feature engineering tool to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of time-series forecasting models has been investigated and validated in various studies[36].

*Frequency Analysis and "Chronocycle" Determination:* Upon transforming the data into the frequency domain, the next step involves spectral density analysis to identify dominant frequencies. This analysis aims to pinpoint the primary cyclic components, indicative of the underlying repetitive patterns in the data. The dominant frequency f\_dom usually corresponds to the most prominent peak in the spectral density plot. The "chronocycle" period c is then deduced as the inverse of this dominant frequency:

$$c = \frac{1}{f_{dom}} \tag{4}$$

Illustrative Example: To illustrate this methodology, let us consider an example using the Gyeonggi-do and Spain dataset. Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 presents the transformation of the original time series data into its corresponding frequency and magnitude representations. These visualization clearly demonstrates the process of identifying the dominant frequencies within the data. By analyzing the spectral density plot, we can observe the inverse peaks in the frequency domain that correspond to these dominant frequencies. For both the Gyeonggi-do dataset and the additional dataset examined, the estimated 'chronocycle' period c was uniformly determined to be 24 hours.



Fig. 4. Amplitude spectrum of the Gyeonggi-do dataset





*ChronoPatternNet:* With Integration into the "chronocycle" hyperparameter established, ChronoPatternNet organizes the historical data into structured frames, each encapsulating the identified cyclic nature of electricity usage patterns. This structuring is critical for the subsequent 2D convolutional processing, ensuring that the convolutional layers are attuned to the most significant periodic features in the data, thus enhancing the model's predictive accuracy.

#### **IV.** Experiments

In our experiment, we evaluated both the parameter count and the predictive efficacy of the out method with TCN, LSTMs, GRUs and ARIMA. The primary goal was to assess the model's performance in accurately forecasting electricity consumption over varying horizons, and its efficiency in both training and inference.

#### 4-1 Dataset

The key statistics of the datasets corpus are summarized in Table 1.

Dataset 1: Energy Consumption from Spain (Spain) : The Spain dataset offers hourly energy consumption data, combined with outside temperatures and metadata for 499 customers, available online[37]. Covering a period from January 1 to December 31, 2019, it provides a comprehensive set of 8,760 data points. Our analysis primarily focuses on the total electricity consumption of a particular customer ID, which is representative of typical consumption patterns.

Dataset 2: Gyeonggi-do Building Power Usage (Gyeonggi): The Gyeonggi dataset encompasses hourly records of electricity usage for about 1.9 years, from January 1, 2021, to January 14, 2022. The dataset contains data from around 17,001 commercial buildings in Gyeonggi Province, South Korea, also accessible online [38]. For our research, we specifically concentrate on the building identified by ID 9654, chosen due to its comprehensive and complete data record.

For both datasets, we employed min-max normalization, rescaling features to a [0, 1] range,

crucial for maintaining consistency in our analyses. The data was chronologically divided into training (80%), validation (10%), and testing (10%) sets, ensuring the preservation of temporal patterns essential for accurate time series forecasting. This normalization process for a time series data point  $h_t$  is mathematically represented as:

$$h_{t_{norm}} = \frac{h_t - \min\left(H\right)}{\max\left(H\right) - \min\left(H\right)}$$
(5)

where  $h_{t_{morm}}$  denotes the normalized value, and H represents the entire set of historical data points.

#### 4-2 Model Configurations and Comparative Analysis

In assessing the ChronoPatternNet model, input sequences of a fixed length, precisely 168 data points and the range of forecasting horizons, from short-term predictions of 1 to 24 time steps to long-term forecasts up to 120 steps, with the "chronocycle".

Hyperparameter set to 24 for both datasets. This

Table 1. Summary of dataset

| Dataset  | Length | No. Variables | Attributions                               |  |  |  |
|----------|--------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Spain    | 8,760  | 2             | Energy consumption,<br>Outside temperature |  |  |  |
| Gyeonggi | 17,001 | 1             | Energy consumption                         |  |  |  |

#### Table 2. Performance on Gyeonggi dataset

approach enables a comprehensive evaluation across different temporal scales. For training optimization, early stopping is employed if no improvement in validation errors is observed after three epochs, ensuring efficiency and preventing overfitting. The model's forecasting accuracy is quantified using Mean Squared Error (MSE) and Mean Absolute Error (MAE), offering insights into error magnitude and sensitivity to larger errors. All experiments are conducted on a single Nvidia A100 40GB GPU, providing a robust computational platform for efficient model training and testing.

## 4-3 Model Comparison and Analysis

In this section, we compare the performance of the ChronoPatternNet model against several well established models in the field of time series forecasting, such as LSTM, MLP, GRU, TCN, and ARIMA. This comparison is crucial to validate the effectiveness of ChronoPatternNet across various forecasting horizons. The Table 2 and Table 3 summarizes the MSE and MAE values at various forecasting horizons.

As illustrated in Table 2, ChronoPatternNet demonstrated better performance than the other models with a margin of (13.42%, 9.07%) for LSTM, (6.63%, 9.73%) for MLP, (14.97%, 11.07%) for GRU, (6.50%, 7.80%) for TCN and (54.92%, 28.01%) for ARIMA. This

| Methods                | ChronoPatternNet |        | LSTM   |        | MLP    |        | GRU    |        | TCN    |        | ARIMA  |        |
|------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Metric                 | MSE              | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    |
| 1                      | 0.0019           | 0.0197 | 0.0021 | 0.0204 | 0.0024 | 0.0229 | 0.0021 | 0.0195 | 0.0019 | 0.019  | 0.0023 | 0.0161 |
| 5                      | 0.0043           | 0.0301 | 0.0055 | 0.0337 | 0.0049 | 0.0333 | 0.0049 | 0.0303 | 0.0048 | 0.0313 | 0.0078 | 0.0337 |
| 10                     | 0.0055           | 0.0338 | 0.0067 | 0.0377 | 0.0056 | 0.0350 | 0.0062 | 0.0363 | 0.0055 | 0.0347 | 0.0119 | 0.0465 |
| 15                     | 0.0056           | 0.0343 | 0.0072 | 0.0394 | 0.0059 | 0.0365 | 0.0066 | 0.0371 | 0.0061 | 0.0363 | 0.0137 | 0.0523 |
| 20                     | 0.0053           | 0.0334 | 0.0068 | 0.0378 | 0.0060 | 0.0371 | 0.0067 | 0.0389 | 0.0060 | 0.0370 | 0.0141 | 0.0534 |
| 24                     | 0.0055           | 0.0336 | 0.0075 | 0.0403 | 0.0061 | 0.0371 | 0.0070 | 0.0383 | 0.0065 | 0.0382 | 0.0136 | 0.0516 |
| 36                     | 0.0058           | 0.0361 | 0.0064 | 0.0392 | 0.0063 | 0.0395 | 0.0074 | 0.0407 | 0.0062 | 0.0392 | 0.0140 | 0.0531 |
| 48                     | 0.0065           | 0.0386 | 0.0064 | 0.0409 | 0.0063 | 0.0409 | 0.0075 | 0.0426 | 0.0066 | 0.0421 | 0.0143 | 0.0543 |
| 60                     | 0.0059           | 0.0362 | 0.0066 | 0.0401 | 0.0062 | 0.0396 | 0.0064 | 0.0421 | 0.0064 | 0.0407 | 0.0147 | 0.0556 |
| 72                     | 0.0059           | 0.0375 | 0.0077 | 0.0434 | 0.0064 | 0.0434 | 0.0065 | 0.0437 | 0.0064 | 0.0415 | 0.0147 | 0.0561 |
| 84                     | 0.0063           | 0.0387 | 0.0066 | 0.0409 | 0.0062 | 0.0410 | 0.0071 | 0.0443 | 0.0065 | 0.0420 | 0.0149 | 0.0569 |
| 96                     | 0.0061           | 0.0370 | 0.0068 | 0.0394 | 0.0062 | 0.0408 | 0.0092 | 0.0489 | 0.0064 | 0.0419 | 0.0151 | 0.0575 |
| 108                    | 0.0060           | 0.0367 | 0.0064 | 0.0405 | 0.0065 | 0.0450 | 0.0066 | 0.0430 | 0.0065 | 0.0416 | 0.0152 | 0.0581 |
| 120                    | 0.0060           | 0.0374 | 0.0063 | 0.0388 | 0.0064 | 0.0435 | 0.0069 | 0.0435 | 0.0064 | 0.0420 | 0.0154 | 0.0587 |
| Better<br>(in average) |                  |        | 13.42% | 9.07%  | 6.63%  | 9.73%  | 14.97% | 11.07% | 6.50%  | 7.80%  | 54.92% | 28.01% |

| Methods                | ChronoPatternNet |        | LSTM   |        | MLP    |        | GRU    |        | TCN    |        | ARIMA  |        |
|------------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Metric                 | MSE              | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    | MSE    | MAE    |
| 1                      | 0.0076           | 0.0643 | 0.0131 | 0.0853 | 0.0097 | 0.0720 | 0.0093 | 0.0717 | 0.0088 | 0.0709 | 0.0093 | 0.0729 |
| 5                      | 0.0121           | 0.0802 | 0.0153 | 0.0917 | 0.0133 | 0.0844 | 0.0139 | 0.0874 | 0.0131 | 0.0836 | 0.0286 | 0.1278 |
| 10                     | 0.0133           | 0.0838 | 0.0160 | 0.0958 | 0.0144 | 0.0883 | 0.0155 | 0.0927 | 0.0154 | 0.0920 | 0.0465 | 0.1687 |
| 15                     | 0.0138           | 0.0865 | 0.0158 | 0.0954 | 0.0145 | 0.0897 | 0.0161 | 0.0936 | 0.0163 | 0.0953 | 0.0544 | 0.1869 |
| 20                     | 0.0151           | 0.0902 | 0.0160 | 0.0960 | 0.0159 | 0.0941 | 0.0159 | 0.0936 | 0.0172 | 0.0974 | 0.0550 | 0.1884 |
| 24                     | 0.0150           | 0.0902 | 0.0162 | 0.0962 | 0.0155 | 0.0926 | 0.0152 | 0.0920 | 0.0169 | 0.0972 | 0.0506 | 0.1783 |
| 36                     | 0.0156           | 0.0922 | 0.0164 | 0.0966 | 0.0166 | 0.0964 | 0.0156 | 0.0935 | 0.0179 | 0.0997 | 0.0530 | 0.1836 |
| 48                     | 0.0163           | 0.0956 | 0.0170 | 0.0969 | 0.0164 | 0.0958 | 0.0160 | 0.0946 | 0.0186 | 0.1012 | 0.0533 | 0.1843 |
| 60                     | 0.0172           | 0.0987 | 0.0171 | 0.0985 | 0.0173 | 0.0986 | 0.0161 | 0.0950 | 0.0191 | 0.1031 | 0.0549 | 0.1874 |
| 72                     | 0.0167           | 0.0962 | 0.0172 | 0.0983 | 0.0172 | 0.0986 | 0.0168 | 0.0967 | 0.0192 | 0.1029 | 0.0552 | 0.1880 |
| 84                     | 0.0171           | 0.0988 | 0.0182 | 0.1021 | 0.0194 | 0.1045 | 0.0168 | 0.0976 | 0.0199 | 0.1058 | 0.0557 | 0.1891 |
| 96                     | 0.0167           | 0.0966 | 0.0187 | 0.1036 | 0.0176 | 0.0995 | 0.0169 | 0.0977 | 0.0197 | 0.1047 | 0.0563 | 0.1904 |
| 108                    | 0.0174           | 0.0996 | 0.0192 | 0.1050 | 0.0175 | 0.0994 | 0.0173 | 0.0991 | 0.0191 | 0.1030 | 0.0568 | 0.1913 |
| 120                    | 0.0172           | 0.0978 | 0.0184 | 0.1025 | 0.0191 | 0.1035 | 0.0174 | 0.0989 | 0.0192 | 0.1027 | 0.0574 | 0.1924 |
| Better<br>(in average) |                  |        | 10.67% | 7.06%  | 6.36%  | 3.69%  | 4.14%  | 2.77%  | 12.18% | 6.60%  | 65.88% | 45.92% |

Table 3. Performance on Spain dataset

was especially significant in long-term forecasts (60 to 120 time steps), where ChronoPatternNet's advanced pattern recognition capabilities became most apparent. The consistency in its performance across different forecast ranges accentuates its reliability and accuracy in handling complex time series data.

Similarly, the Spain dataset analysis, as detailed in Table 3, ChronoPatternNet outshone its counterparts with margins of (10.67%, 7.06%) for LSTM, (6.36%, 3.69%) for MLP, (4.14%, 2.77%) for GRU, (12.18%, 6.60%) for TCN, (65.88%, 45.92%) for ARIMA. This performance is a testament to ChronoPatternNet's robustness and adaptability in different temporal contexts, particularly in handling the complexities of longer forecasting horizons.

We further compare the model's parameters in Fig. 6 as well as the error in the experiment when forecasting range is 1 hour. The comparison of model parameters and error rates MSE revealed that ChronoPatternNet, despite having fewer parameters, achieved the lowest error values. This indicates a higher degree of efficiency, where the model delivers optimal performance without the overhead of excessive computational resources.

To further emphasize the robustness of our method, we measure the average training and inference time, Fig. 7 and Fig. 8. The average training and inference times were significantly lower for ChronoPatternNet compared to other models. This aspect is particularly



Fig. 6. Number of parameters and error comparison



Fig. 7. Average training time

crucial in scenarios where realtime data processing and forecasting are required, emphasizing the model's applicability in time sensitive domains.



Fig. 8 Average inference time

The comprehensive evaluation of ChronoPatternNet reveals its remarkable efficacy and adaptability across varied datasets, highlighting its robustness in different environmental conditions. Its capability for long-term forecasting is noteworthy, demonstrating an advanced algorithmic design adept at handling complex, extended temporal patterns. The model's resilience in managing large errors, a critical feature in real world applications, is evident from its performance in both MSE and MAE error metrics. Additionally, ChronoPatternNet's operational efficiency is marked by its streamlined architecture, leading to lower error rates and reduced training and inference times, making it a highly practical tool for realtime forecasting. Overall, ChronoPatternNet stands out as a versatile, reliable, and efficient solution for a wide range of forecasting challenges.

## V. Conclusion

ChronoPatternNet, introduced in this study, marks a significant advancement in electricity consumption forecasting, primarily through its innovative approach to temporal pattern recognition. This model excels in identifying repetitive patterns in electricity usage data, thereby enhancing forecasting accuracy significantly. Its design optimizes computational efficiency, making it well suited for realtime forecasting in environments with limited resources. However, its application is predominantly effective in scenarios involving short-term, recurrent data patterns, particularly in household electricity consumption.

The model's current limitations, notably the lack of full automation and challenges in hyperparameter selection, restrict its broader applicability. ChronoPatternNet requires manual hyperparameter tuning, a process that can be cumbersome and inefficient, particularly for data sequences with sparse or extended repetition cycles. Additionally, its design confines its use to univariable datasets, limiting its effectiveness in multivariable time series forecasting.

For future work, enhancing ChronoPatternNet entails focusing on three pivotal areas. Firstly, automated hyperparameter optimization, using advanced techniques like Bayesian optimization or evolutionary algorithms, can automate tuning and optimize performance across varied datasets. Secondly, expansion to multivariable forecasting involves adapting the architecture for multivariable time series, incorporating attention mechanisms or dimensionality reduction, enabling it to forecast scenarios with interrelated variables like industrial power or urban energy management. Lastly, longer-term forecasting capabilities, extending the model's proficiency to longer-term predictions through recurrent neural networks or advanced sequence modeling, is essential. These advancements will broaden ChronoPatternNet's applicability, making it a versatile tool in various sectors, including residential to large-scale industrial applications, and position it as a leading forecasting tool.

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