# Optimizing Sparse Neural Architectures for Low-Latency Anomaly Detection

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## Anomaly Detection at the LHC at 40 MHz

- Anomaly detection to search for new physics is an essential task
- To run AD in the first level of data selection requires algorithms with sub-microsecond latencies running on FPGAs
- Motivates studying how to optimally compress and discover sparse neural architectures
- Study using JetNet dataset [1] with q/g jets as background and t/W/Z jets as anomalies

[1] https://zenodo.org/record/6975118



#### Anomaly Detectors



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## Autoencoders with Reconstruction Loss in General

#### Reconstruction



**Goal #1:** Compress latent representation by modeling input distribution & removing noise

**Goal #2:** Generalize to out-of-distribution data

Reconstruction Loss = MSE(Input, Reconstruction)

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**Revised Goal #2:** Only reconstruct in-distribution data

## **Global Architecture Search with Supernetworks**

Search across dense architectures & train once (One-Shot NAS)



Supernet

#### ... Batch Norm Leaky ReLU Big Linear

Optimal Dense Architecture

### Local Architecture Search through Pruning

Remove unnecessary parameters for faster inference



**Dense Architecture** 

Sparse Architecture

We employ Iterative Magnitude Pruning w/ Weight Rewinding

#### Our Framework



# **Optimal Architecture**



#### **Preliminary Results**



#### Comparison to Complex Models on JetNet Dataset

Model	Top Quark AUC	W Boson AUC	Z Boson AUC
Sparse AE (ours)	0.9061	<u>0.7508</u>	<u>0.7852</u>
LG AE-Min-Max	0.8539	0.6938	0.7400
LG AE-Mix	0.8669	0.7489	0.7909
GNN AE-JL	0.8530	0.5937	0.6545
GNN AE-PL	0.8917	0.7558	0.7805
CNN AE	<u>0.8962</u>	0.6886	0.7700

#### Key: Best Model, Second Best Model



#### Takeaways & Future Work

- Benchmark across more difficult anomaly detection datasets
  - Simple statistical baselines perform well on past datasets
- Implement Quantization Aware Training in the Inner Loop of Neural Architecture Search
- Optimize for Mixed-Precision Quantization
- Implement Hardware-Aware NAS Frameworks for FGPA optimization
- Promote the use of AutoML in the FastML community