

SPIKING AUTOENCODER ARCHITECTURE FOR ANOMALY **DETECTION ON SATELLITE DATA WITH FPGAs**

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1. Motivation

State of the Art employs different techniques for **Time Series Anomaly Detection**. **ML** based methods which require **hardware** and **power** resources not suitable for **onboard application**^[1]. A specific use case is provided by ESA-ADB Research Article^[2].



1. snnTorch^[3] Python library is used to design, train and test the proposed SNN architecture.

2. Spiker+^[4] generates an HDL description of the network and simulates its behaviour.

4. Methodology

3. Vivado IDE runs synthesis and implementation on the target board.





2. Spiking Neural Network

Spiking Neural Network aims to replicate brain structure and behaviour. SNNs are implemented using **spiking neurons**, which communicate through simulated «spikes» of electrical activity, showing enhanced efficiency, faster processing, adaptive intelligence.



3. Spiking Autoencoder

The proposed architecture combines **Autoencoder** structure with SNNs.

The idea is to exploit Autoencoder ability to **compress data width** and SNNs' intrinsic capability to handle temporal dynamics.



5. Results

Software detection performances are comparable with ESA proposed approaches^[1] using **1/28 of training data**; Hardware FPGA validation shows timing performances compatible with

sampling frequency of the dataset using 1% of total available FF, LUT and BRAM and **120 mW** of power requirement.

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Phase	1	2	3	4	5
PCC/HBOS/iForest/Window iForest/KNN	< 0.001				
Global STD3	< 0.001			0.001	
Global STD5	0.041	0.037	0.104	0.217	0.253
DC-VAE-ESA STD3	< 0.001		0.007	0.009	0.003
DC-VAE-ESA STD5	0.007	0.0012	0.085	0.030	0.075
Teleman-ESA	0.059	0.058	0.122	0.309	0.178
Teleman-ESA-Pruned	0.227	0.311	0.776	0.776	0.786
ADStrobot	0.924	0.924	0.924	0.924	0.924

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670 ns

Simulation time

7 ns Clock period

1% Area utilization

Power consumption

120 mW



Target board: PYNQ Z2 - XC7Z020

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