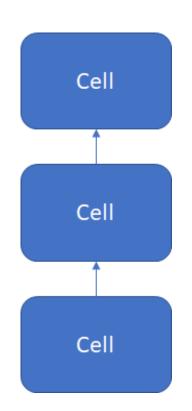
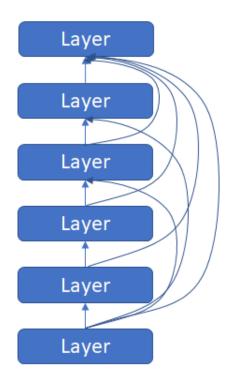
## **Macro Neural Architecture Search Revisited**

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Cell Search: applies the found template on predefined skeleton.



Macro Search: learns all connections and layer types.

**Cell Search:** the predefined skeleton ensures the simplest cell search can achieve 4.6% error with 0.4M params on CIFAR 10.

**Key take-away:** macro search can be competitive against cell search, even with simple random growing strategies, if the initial model is the same as cell search.



