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**Processing Acceleration using Optical Fourier Transform**

***Abstract:* We present a novel approach in optical processing by accelerating Fourier transform through integration of silicon photonics and free-space optics. We introduce Fourier transform based multiply and accumulate operations, that require less number of operations compared to the traditional multiply and accumulate operations used in computer architecture. The significant reduction in the number of operations, predicts the ETile to be a universal accelerator for any AI/big data hardware.**

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