

# The Convergence of HPC and AI in a Software-Composable Homogeneous Data Center

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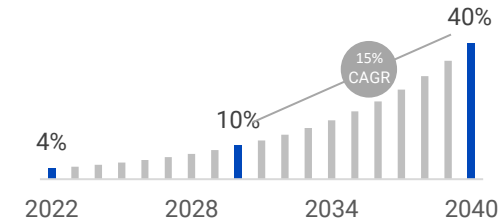
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# Serious Issues Facing Data Centers

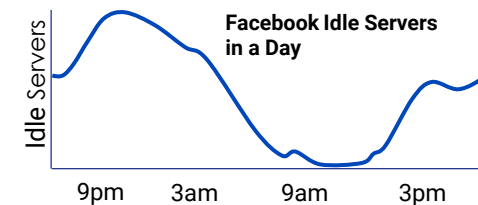
## Data Center Power Consumption

- Currently data centers consume ~4% of the planet's power
- At ~15% annual growth this becomes a serious problem
- Power consumption could limit data center expansion



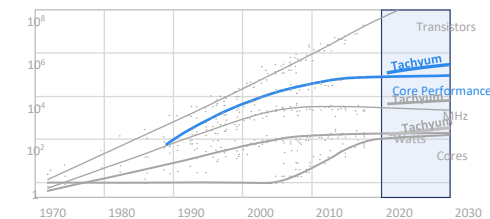
## Low Server Utilization

- Average server utilization is frequently less than ~30%
- Facebook's study: <50% server utilization per 24-hours
- Low server utilization costs billions of dollars per year



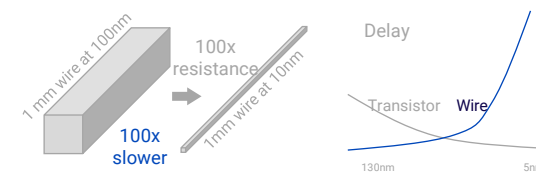
## Performance Plateau and Moore's Law

- Performance increase of processors has slowed down
- Moore's law no longer holds with process shrinks



## Wires Are Slower as Process Shrinks

- With process shrink transistors are faster but wires are slower
- 10x smaller process would result in 100x slower wire
- Using copper and low-K materials reduced slow down to ~20x
- Wire delays are now limiting performance of functional blocks

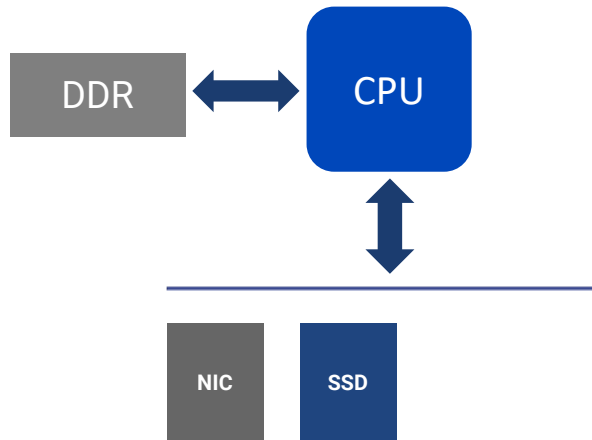


# HPC vs. AI

<b>Workload Characteristic</b>	<b>HPC</b>	<b>AI/ML</b>
<b>High Performance Parallel Processing</b>		Very Important
<b>FP Precision</b>	High Precision	Low Precision
<b>Vector vs. Matrix Processing</b>	HPC typically uses vectors	Deep learning typically uses matrixes
<b>Sparsity and Quantization</b>	Not Used	Very Important to Optimize Performance and Memory Footprint
<b>Memory Bandwidth</b>		Very Important
<b>Memory Latency</b>	Important to the extent it affects effective bandwidth	
<b>Scalable Processor and Memory</b>		Very Important
<b>Cost and Power Efficient</b>		Very Important

# Homogeneous vs. Heterogeneous Systems

## Homogeneous



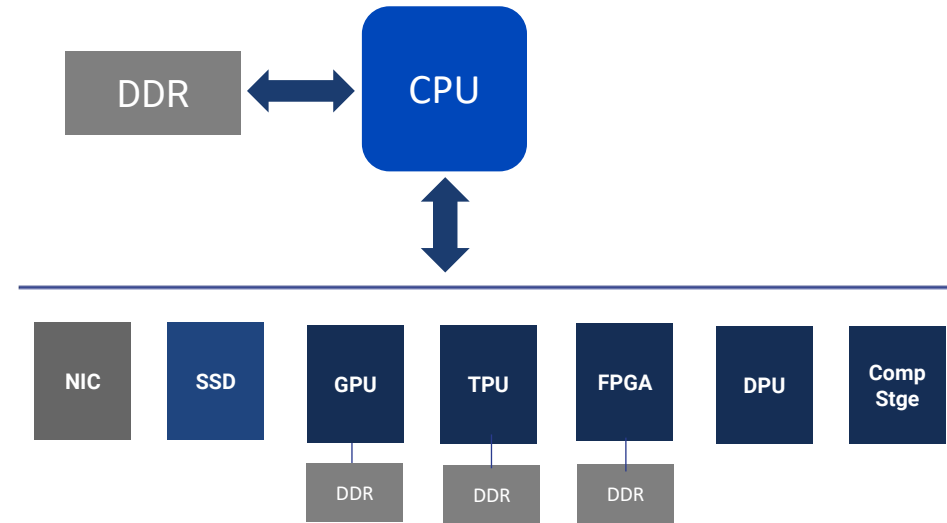
### Pros

- General Purpose, Flexible
- Easy Deployment/Maintenance

### Cons

- Not Designed for HPC or AI
- Low Parallel Performance for Modern Workloads

## Heterogeneous



### Pros

- Accelerates specific workloads, including HPC and AI
- Scalable

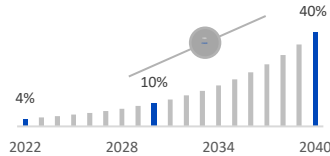
### Cons

- Needs special programming
- Expensive, power-hungry
- Under-utilized – contrary to software-defined data center

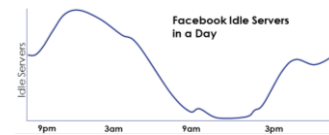
# Tachyum Prodigy – The World’s First Universal Processor

## Problems

### Data Center Pain Points

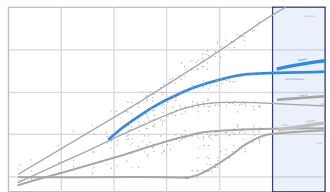


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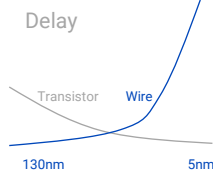


Low Server Utilization

### Industry Transformation

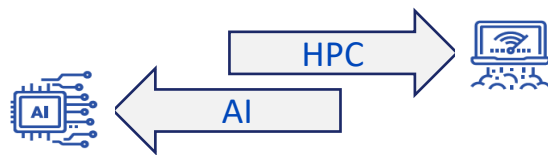


Performance Plateau

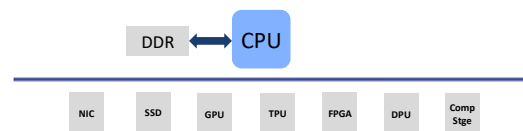


Slow Wires

### HPC/AI Divergence



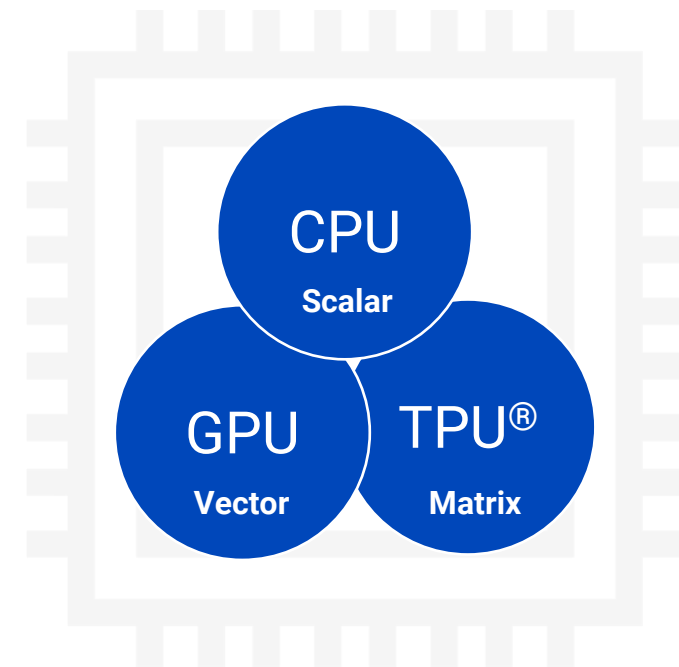
### Accelerator Sprawl



## Solution

### Tachyum Prodigy Cloud / AI / HPC Supercomputer Chip

Unifies the Functionality of CPU, GPU, and TPU®

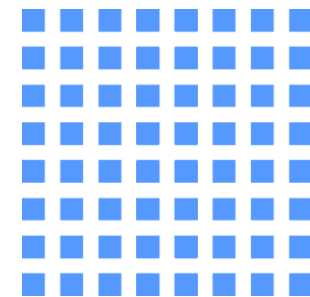
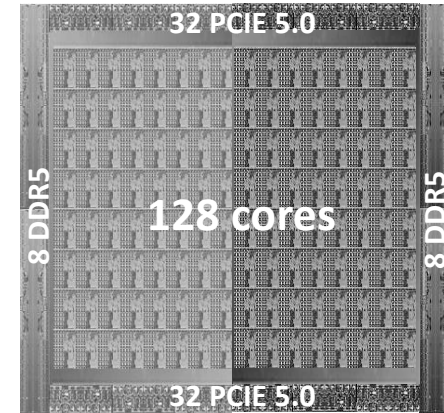


- Over 3x performance of Xeon
- Up to 10x performance at same power
- Faster than NVIDIA H100 in HPC and AI

# Prodigy Feature Summary

*High Performance CPU – HPC and AI for Free*

High-Performance Processor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128 Custom-designed 64-bit cores running at 5.7+ GHz</li> <li>• Hardware Coherency Supports 2 and 4-socket Systems</li> </ul>
High-Throughput Memory and I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 DDR5-7200+ Memory Controllers</li> <li>• 1TB / 2TB* of Memory Bandwidth (2-4x of x86)</li> <li>• 64 Lanes of PCIe 5.0</li> </ul>
Advanced Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5nm Process Technology</li> </ul>
Emulation for Other ISAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Runs Native and x86, Arm, and RISC-V Binaries</li> </ul>
HPC and AI Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x 1024-bit Vector Units per Core</li> <li>• 4096-bit Matrix Processors per Core</li> <li>• FP64, FP32, TF32, BF16, Int8, FP8, TAI Data Types</li> <li>• Sparse Data Types Optimizes Efficiency</li> <li>• Quantization Support Using Low Precision Data Types</li> <li>• Scatter/Gather for efficient storing and loading matrices</li> </ul>



Sampling End of 2022

# Tachyum Prodigy Software Ecosystem

## Applications

- Broad range of applications compiled to run natively on Prodigy



## Frameworks & Libraries

- Support for major AI frameworks and scientific libraries for cutting-edge matrix and vector performance



## System Software

- GCC, Linux and FreeBSD are ported to Prodigy along with the GNU libraries



## Emulation

- SW Emulation with QEMU and C-model
- Prodigy Hardware FPGA Emulation
- Prodigy Runs x86, Arm, & RISC-V binaries

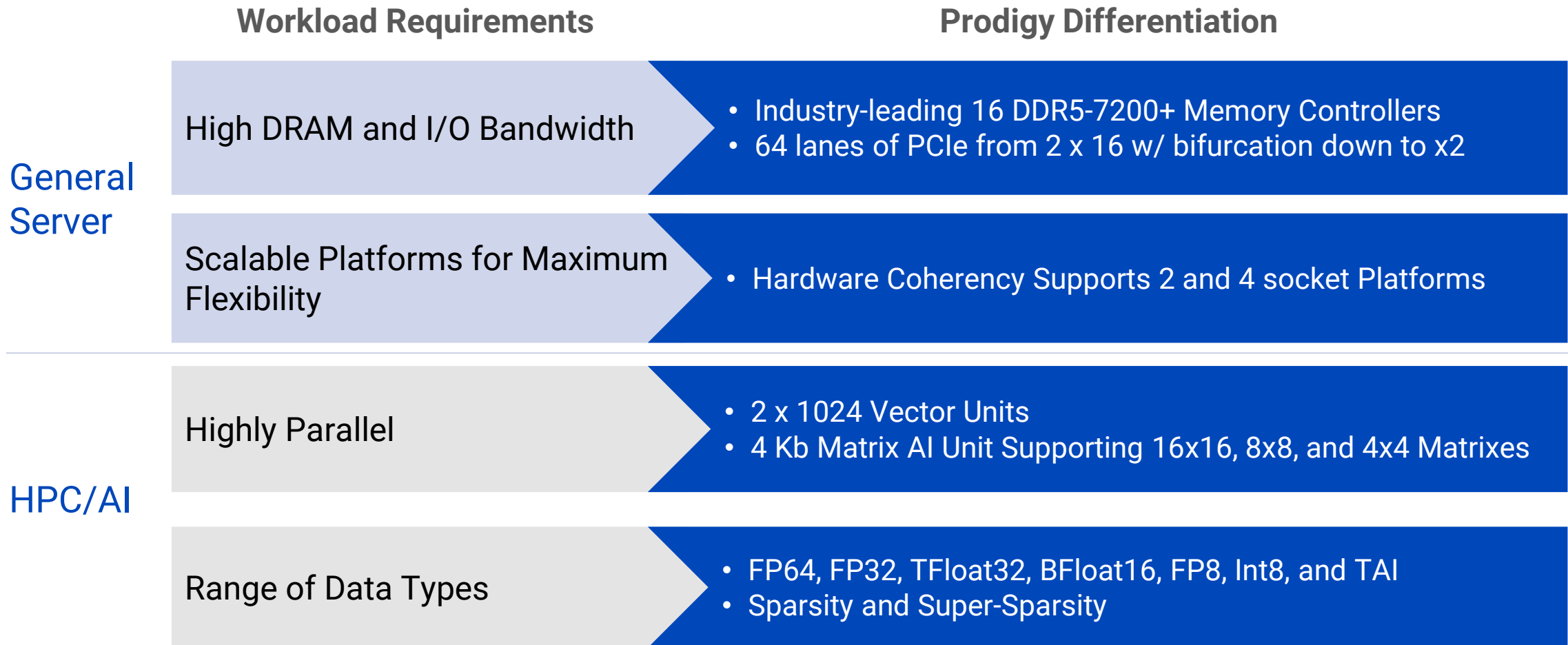


## Software Roadmap

- Tachyum's roadmap adds key applications for big data, containers, and virtualization



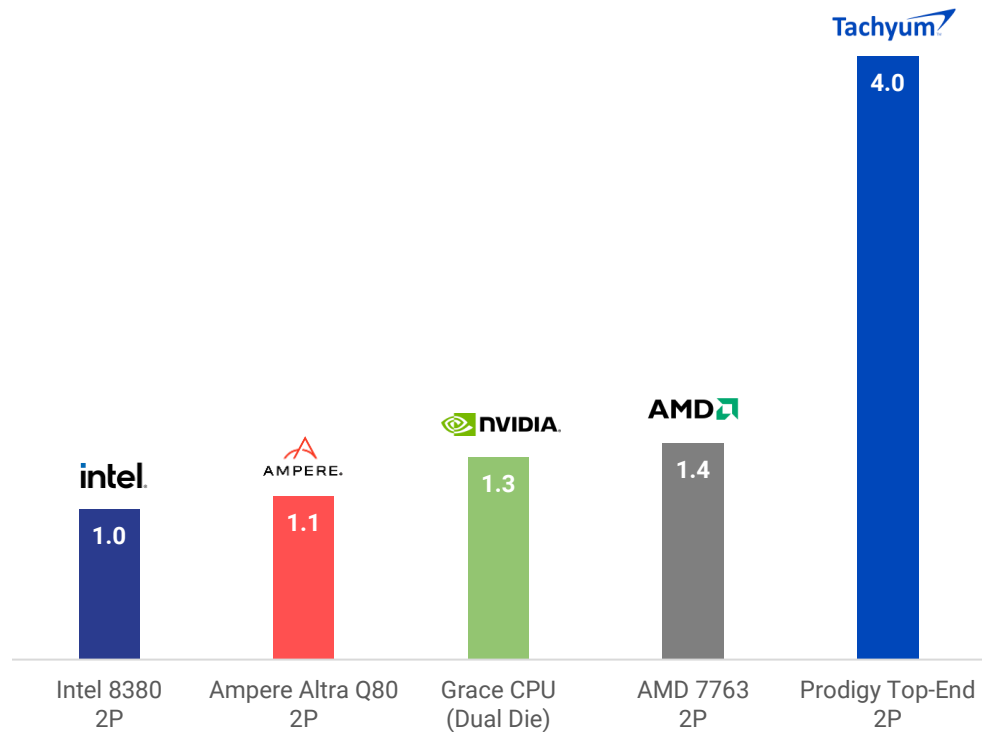
# Prodigy Advantages





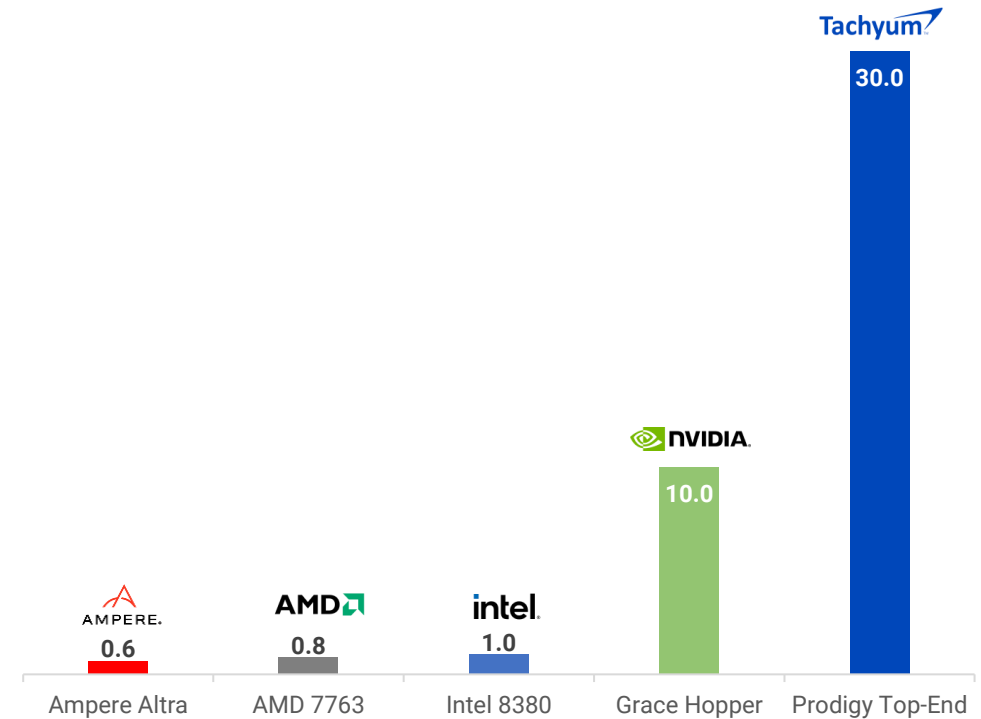
# Prodigy vs. x86 and Arm

SPECrate 2017 Integer



Prodigy SPECrate 2017 Integer Performance  
**up to 4x Higher** than Competition

Floating Point Raw Performance (FP64)



Prodigy Floating Point Raw Performance  
**up to >30x Higher** than Competition

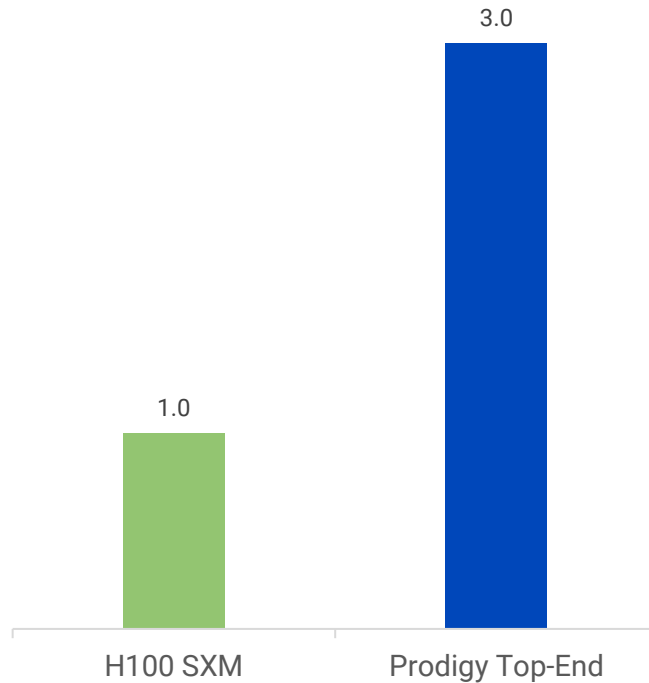
# Matrix / Vector Processing Built from the Ground Up - *Not Bolted On*

Prodigy Treats Vectors and Matrices As 1<sup>st</sup> Class Citizens

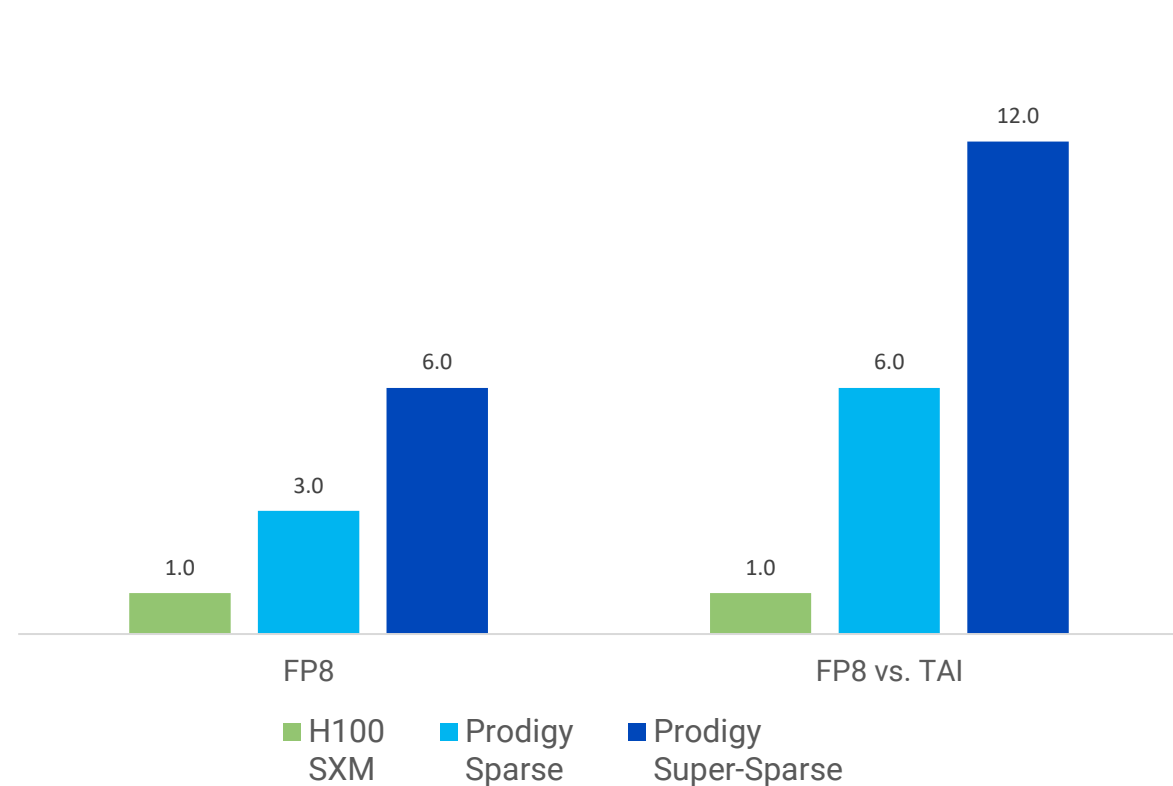
Feature	CPUs			GPUs		Comments
	Tachyum Prodigy	intel. 8380	AMD 7763	NVIDIA H100	AMD MI250	
Support for FP8	✓			✓		High performance for training and inference
Support for TAI	✓					Increases performance and reduces memory utilization
2 x 1024-bit Vector Units	✓			N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prodigy 2x wider than Intel 2x512 vector units</li> <li>• Prodigy 4x wider than AMD 2 x 256 vector units</li> </ul>
No Penalty for Misaligned Vector Loads/Stores	✓			N/A	N/A	Intel AVX-512 misaligned LOAD/STORE at half speed
AI Sparsity Support	✓			✓		
Super-Sparsity Support	✓					
Native Matrix Support	✓	*		✓	✓	* Intel matrix support is off the main execution path

# Prodigy vs. Nvidia H100 GPU – HPC and AI

## H100 DP Performance vs. Prodigy



## H100 AI Performance vs. Prodigy



Prodigy Delivers Up to **12x Higher AI Performance** and **3x Higher HPC Performance** than H100

# Prodigy vs. Nvidia H100 – Rack-Level Comparison

H100 DGX POD



- 4 x H100 DGX
- 32 x H100 SMX

960 TF HPC FP64  
128 PF AI FP8 Sparse

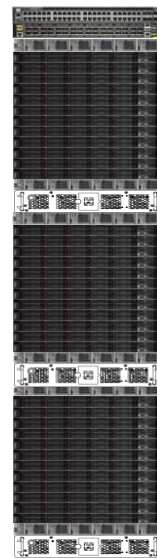
Air-Cooled Prodigy Rack



- 16 4P 3U Servers
- 64 Prodigy Mid-Range Chips

4.6 PF HPC FP64  
1.2 EF AI TAI Sparse

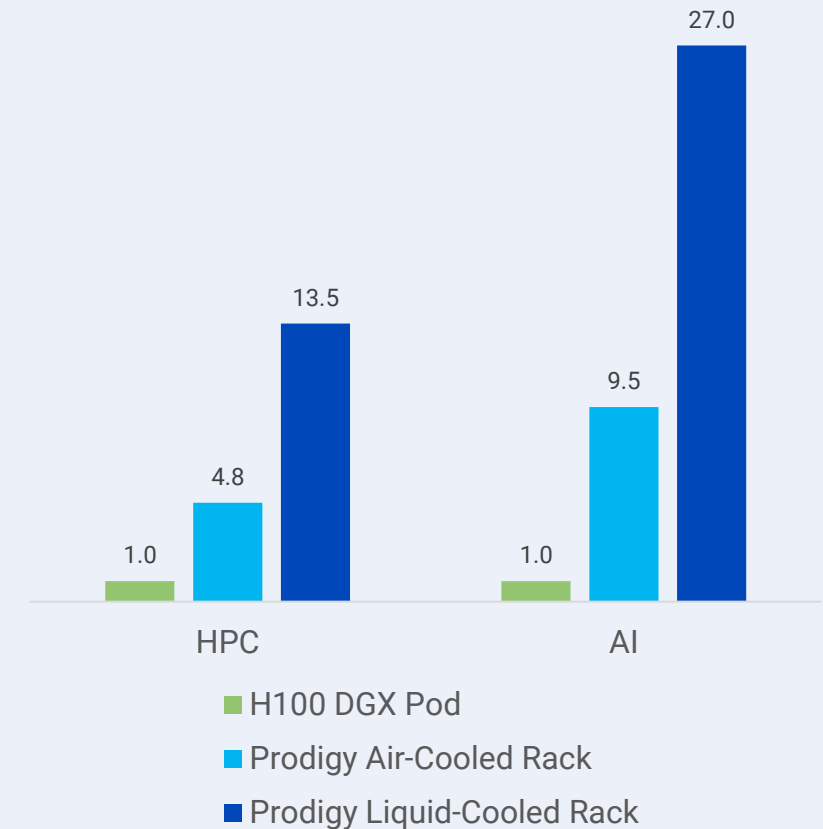
Liquid-Cooled Prodigy Rack



- 36 4P 1U Servers
- 144 Prodigy Top-End Chips

12.9 PF HPC FP64  
3.5 EF AI TAI Sparse

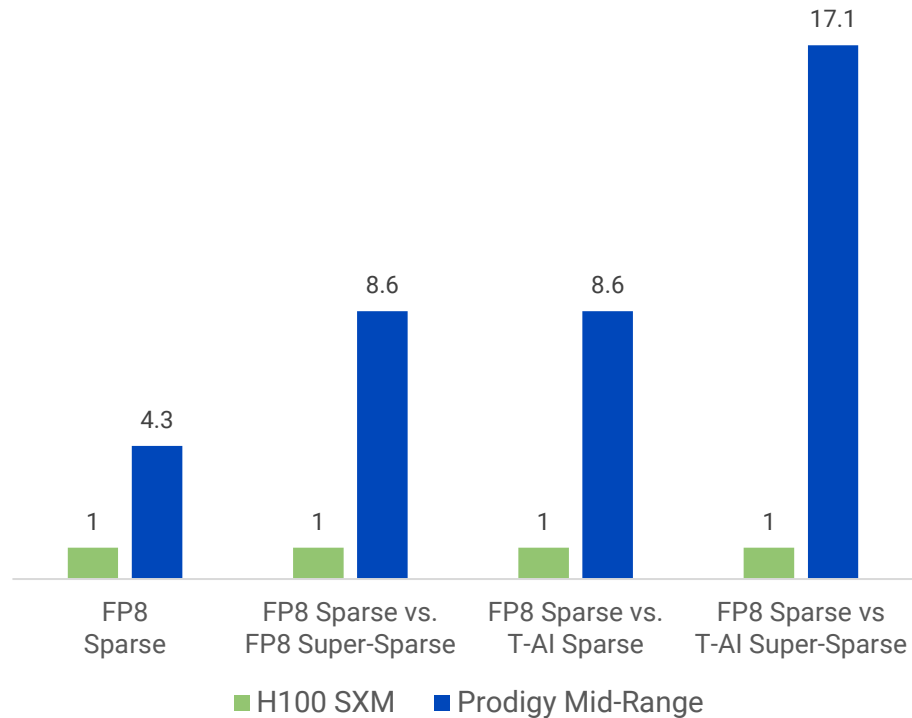
Prodigy Rack Performance Normalized to H100 DGX Pod



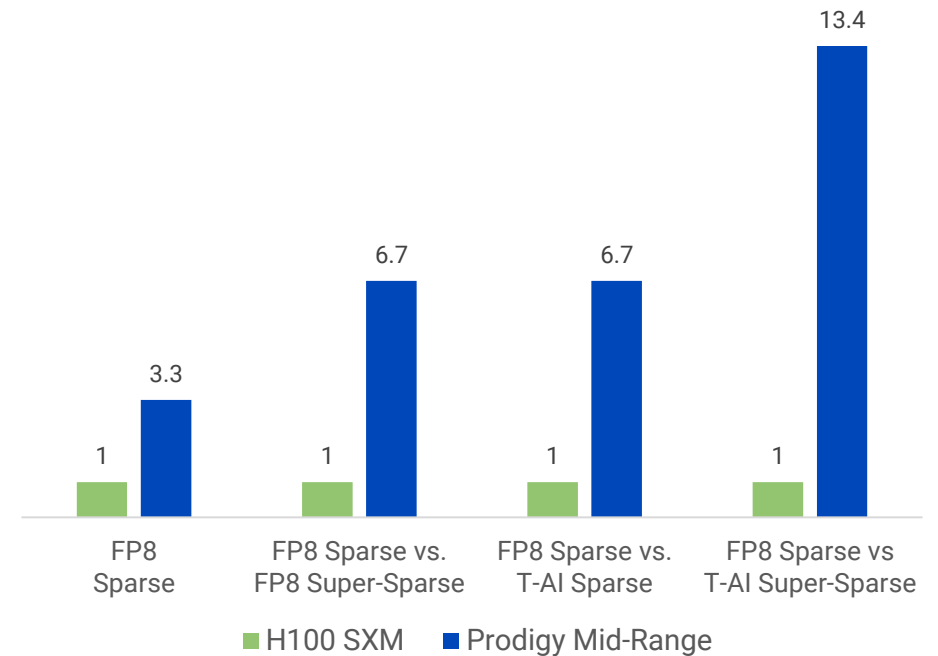
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## Rack Performance/TCO and Performance/W

H100 Rack Performance/TCO vs. Prodigy



H100 Rack Performance/W vs. Prodigy



Prodigy Rack Solutions Deliver **>17x Higher Performance/TCO** and **>13x Higher Performance/W** than H100 SXM

# Summary



<b>Prodigy Feature</b>	<b>HPC</b>	<b>AI/ML</b>
High Performance Parallel Processing	✓	✓
Range of Floating-Point Precision	✓	✓
High Performance Vector and Matrix Operations	✓	✓
Sparsity and Quantization Support		✓
Hardware Acceleration for Sparse Operations		✓
Scalable, including large memory footprint	✓	✓
High Memory Bandwidth	✓	✓
Simple Programming Model	✓	✓
Software Composable for 24/7 server on time	✓	✓
Easy Deployment and Maintenance	✓	✓
Cost and Power Efficient	✓	✓

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