## Solution Brief



Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Intel® Advanced Matrix Extensions (Intel® AMX)

# Accelerate Al Workloads with Intel Advanced Matrix Extensions (Intel AMX)

Intel advances AI capabilities with 4th and 5th Gen Intel® Xeon® processors and Intel AMX, delivering up to 10x higher performance and 7x higher performance per watt for inferencing workloads on 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors, compared to 3rd Gen Intel Xeon processors.<sup>1</sup>



#### Optimizing the Al pipeline

Businesses can benefit from applying AI in a variety of scenarios. These range from recommender systems for books and movies to retail digital software that drives large e-commerce sites to natural language processing (NLP) for chatbots and machine translation. But the attributes that make AI valuable—making sense of complex environments and massive datasets and solving previously impenetrable problems—can potentially further revolutionize business. According to one study, 90 percent of new enterprise application releases will include embedded AI functionality by 2025.<sup>2</sup>

### The AI pipeline

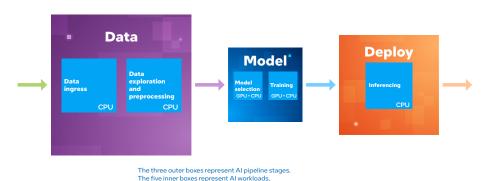


Figure 1. Al workloads and processor activity within the Al pipeline

To optimize AI pipelines, organizations can turn to 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors with Intel Advanced Matrix Extensions (Intel AMX), a built-in AI accelerator. This Intel® AI Engine was designed to balance inference, the most prominent use case for a CPU in AI applications, with more capabilities for training (see Figure 1).3 With Intel Xeon Scalable processors representing 65 percent of the processor units (installed base) that are running AI inference workloads in the data center, selecting the latest 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors with Intel AMX for new AI deployments is an efficient and cost-effective approach to accelerating AI workloads.4

#### The case for built-in accelerators

Al deployments powered by 3rd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors with Intel® Deep Learning Boost (Intel® DL Boost) allow IT teams to meet customer service-level agreements (SLAs) today. But 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors with Intel AMX change the game.

Figure 2 illustrates how Intel AMX delivers up to 1.8x–2.6x higher real-time inference performance on 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors than AMD EPYC 9654 processors.<sup>5,6,7</sup> Figure 3 illustrates how Intel AMX delivers up to 1.6x–2.3x higher real-time inference performance per watt on 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors than on AMD EPYC 9654 processors.<sup>5,6,7</sup>

## 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon Processor **REAL-TIME** Inference Performance<sup>5,6,7</sup>

INT8 inference performance relative to the AMD EPYC 9654 processor (96C)

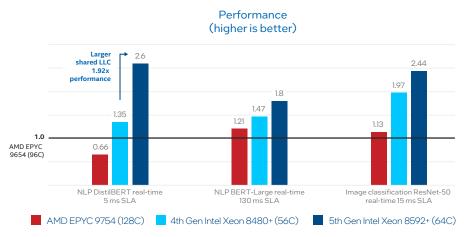


Figure 2. Real-time inference performance<sup>5,6,7</sup>

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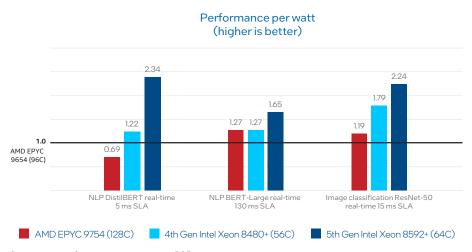


Figure 3. Real-time inference performance per watt<sup>5,6,7</sup>

Figure 4 highlights the TCO advantage that 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors have over 4th Gen AMD EPYC 9554 processors in the context of servers. For the AI-NLP DistilBERT workload, one would need 50 4th Gen AMD EPYC 9554 processor–based servers to achieve the same AI training performance as 15 5th Gen Intel Xeon processor–based servers. Using fewer servers means consuming less energy and generating fewer  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions. In this scenario, organizations can enjoy a 62 percent cost savings with Intel.

#### 5th Gen Intel Xeon Processor TCO Advantages over AMD Processors

A comparison against 50 AMD EPYC 9554 processor–based servers<sup>8</sup>

Al–NLP
DistilBERT

5th Gen Intel Xeon servers

Fleet energy saved\*

1,496.5 MWh

Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions\*

634,428 kg

TCO savings\*

\$1,300K

TCO delta

62% savings

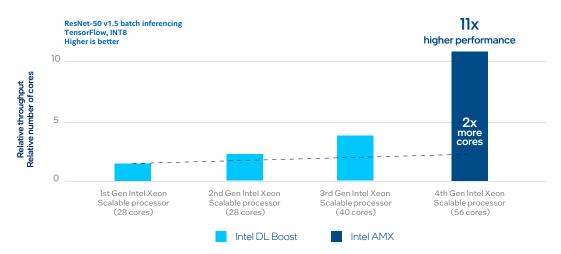
\*Estimated over four years.

Figure 4. TCO advantages of 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors over AMD EPYC 9554 processors8

Figure 5 shows how Intel AMX delivers performance proportionally greater for the incrementally larger core counts in successive generations of Intel Xeon processors, starting with 1st Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors.

#### Moore's Law and Accelerators

Targeting the right compute engine for the right workload



**Figure 5.** Using the 1st Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processor as a baseline, Intel AMX delivers a non-linear performance improvement compared to previous generations<sup>9</sup>

#### What is Intel AMX?

Intel AMX is a built-in accelerator that enables 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors to optimize deep learning (DL) training and inferencing workloads. With Intel AMX, 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors can quickly pivot between optimizing general computing and AI workloads. Imagine an automobile that could excel at city driving and then quickly change to deliver Formula I racing performance. 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors deliver this type of flexibility. Developers can code AI functionality to take advantage of the Intel AMX instruction set, and they can code non-AI functionality to use the processor instruction set architecture (ISA). Intel has integrated the Intel® oneAPI Deep Neural Network Library (oneDNN), its oneAPI DL engine, into popular open source tools for AI applications, including TensorFlow, PyTorch, PaddlePaddle, and ONNX.

#### Intel AMX architecture

Intel AMX architecture consists of two components (see Figure 6):

- The first component is tiles. Tiles consist of eight two-dimensional registers, each 1 kilobyte in size. They store large chunks
  of data.
- The second component is Tile Matrix Multiplication (TMUL); TMUL is an accelerator engine attached to the tiles that
  performs matrix-multiply computations for AI.

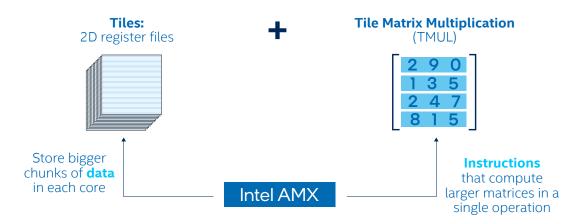


Figure 6. Intel AMX architecture consists of 2D register files (tiles) and TMUL

Intel AMX supports INT8 and BF16 data types:

- INT8 is a data type used for inferencing when the precision of FP32, a single-precision floating-point format often
  used in AI, isn't needed. Because the INT8 data type is lower precision, more INT8 operations can be processed per
  compute cycle, which is ideal for real-time applications and matrix multiplication tasks where speed and efficiency are
  a priority.
- BF16 is a data type that delivers sufficient accuracy for most training. It can also deliver higher accuracy for inferencing
  if needed. It enables the training of machine learning (ML) models with nearly the same accuracy as achieved with FP32,
  yet incurring only a fraction of the computational cost.

With this new tiled architecture and support for INT8 and BF16 data formats, Intel AMX generation-on-generation performance gains are significant. Compared to 3rd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors running Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions 512 Vector Neural Network Instructions (Intel® AVX-512 VNNI), 4th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors running Intel AMX can perform 2,048 INT8 operations per cycle, rather than 256 INT8 operations per cycle. They can also perform 1,024 BF16 operations per cycle, as compared to 64 FP32 operations per cycle, as shown in Figure 7.10

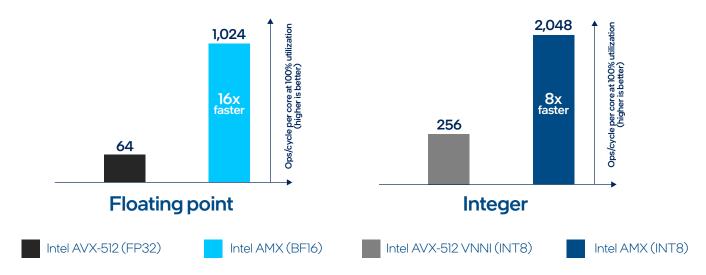


Figure 7. Intel AMX offers better performance than Intel AVX-512 VNNI for INT8 and BF16 data types 10

#### Al use cases

4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors with Intel AMX can be deployed in a wide range of DL use cases.



#### Recommender systems

Deliver a customized end-user experience, whether recommending movies and books or showing targeted ads. Create a DL-based recommender system that accounts for real-time user behavior signals and context features such as time and location.



#### Natural language processing (NLP)

With a global market projected to reach 80.68 billion USD by 2026,  $^{11}$  NLP applications, including chatbots and sentiment analysis, are critical for businesses to support and scale various functions, including sentiment analysis, chatbots, and machine translation.



#### Retail e-commerce software solutions

Grow revenue and deliver an exceptional customer experience by minimizing transaction time and effortlessly handling peak demands with DL inference and training, in addition to Al-optimized frameworks like PyTorch and TensorFlow.

#### Get started with Intel AMX

Near zero effort is required to improve performance with Intel AMX. This is because default frameworks are optimized with Intel one DNN. Windows and Linux operating systems, kernel-based virtual machines (KVMs), and popular hypervisors expose the Intel AMX instruction set. INT8 and BF16 operations are automatically optimized in open source frameworks like TensorFlow and PyTorch. The Intel® Distribution of OpenVINO $^{\text{TM}}$  toolkit allows developers to automate, optimize, tune, and run Al inferencing with little or no coding knowledge. The only thing developers need to do is to quantize training models to the INT8 data type using the Intel® Neural Compressor.

#### Intel AMX implementation and developer tools

Intel offers a large set of tools and resources to help developers implement and deploy Intel AMX.

- <u>Al on 4th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors tuning guide:</u> Recommendations for tuning 4th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors for the best performance in most situations.
- Intel AMX guick-start guide: A document with information and links to the latest Intel-optimized AI libraries and frameworks.
- <u>Al frameworks:</u> Learn more about popular DL and ML frameworks from Intel, including <u>TensorFlow</u> and <u>PyTorch</u> <u>optimizations</u>.
- <u>Al reference kits</u>: Discover Al reference kits for the open source community, with examples of how the downloadable kits are used in real-world applications with tutorials.
- Al and ML development tools: Intel developer resources for every stage of the Al workflow.

#### Accelerate AI with Intel Xeon Scalable processors

Harness the untapped potential of AI for business by moving to 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors with Intel AMX. Experience exceptional AI training and inference performance with all-new accelerated matrix-multiply operations while building on the broad foundation of Intel Xeon Scalable processors already in the data center.

Learn more about Intel AI and Intel AMX: intel.com/ai



- <sup>1</sup> See [A23] at intel.com/processorclaims: 5th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors. Results may vary.
- <sup>2</sup> Forbes. "Top Artificial Intelligence (AI) Predictions For 2020 From IDC and Forrester." November 2019. <a href="forbes.com/sites/gilpress/2019/11/22/top-artificial-intelligence-ai-predictions-for-2020-from-idc-and-forrester/#4fef9821315a">forbes. "Top Artificial Intelligence (AI) Predictions For 2020 From IDC and Forrester." November 2019. <a href="forbes.com/sites/gilpress/2019/11/22/top-artificial-intelligence-ai-predictions-for-2020-from-idc-and-forrester." November 2019. <a href="forbes.com/sites/gilpress/2019/11/22/top-artificial-intelligence-ai-predictions-for-2020-from-idc-and-forrester." Hefe 1982 for 198
- 3 The Next Platform. "With AMX, Intel Adds AI/ML Sparkle to Sapphire Rapids." August 2021. nextplatform.com/2021/08/19/with-amx-intel-adds-ai-ml-sparkle-to-sapphire-rapids/.
- $^4$  Based on Intel market modeling of the worldwide installed base of data center servers running AI inference workloads as of December 2022.

\$\frac{4}\$ 4th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processor performance with ResNet-50 v1.5 configurations: Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+ processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+ processor, 64 cores, Intel\* Hyper-Threading Technology (Intel\* HT Technology) on, Intel\* Turbo Boost Technology on, NUMA 2, 1,024 GB total memory (16 x 64 GB DDR5 5,600 megatransfers per second [MT/s]), BIOS 2.0, microcode 0x21000161, 2 x Intel\* Ethernet Controller X710 for 10 GBASE-T, 1x1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS, 5.15.0-78-generic. TensorFlow = Intel Optimization for TensorFlow 2.13, oneDNN = 3.2, Python 3.8, Al model = ResNet-50 v1.5 (https://github.com/IntelAl/models/), INT8-AMX, real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 15 ms latency service-level agreement (SLA), tested by Intel as of 10/10/2023. Intel Xeon Platinum 8480+ processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8480+ processor, 56 cores, Intel HT Technology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, NUMA 2, 1,024 GB total memory (16 x 64 GB DDR5 4,800 MT/s), BIOS 2.0, microcode 0x2b0004d0, 1 x Ethernet interface, 2 x Intel Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GBASE-T, 1x 1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS, 5.15.0-78-generic, TensorFlow = Intel Optimization for TensorFlow 2.13, oneDNN = 3.2, Python 3.8, Al model = ResNet-50 v1.5 (https://github.com/IntelAl/models/), INT8-AMX, real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 15 ms latency SLA, tested by Intel as of 10/25/23. AMD EPYC 9654 processor, 96 cores, Simultaneous Multithreading (SMT) on, turbo on, NUMA 2, 1,536 GB total memory (24 x 64 GB DDR5 4,800 MT/s), BIOS 1.5, microcode 0xal0113e, 2 x 10 gigabit (Gb) Intel Ethernet Controller X550T, 1x1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.3 AMD EPYC 9754 processor, 96 cores, Simultaneous Multithreading (SMT) on, turbo on, NUMA 2, 1,536 GB total memory (24 x 64 GB DDR5 4,800 MT/s), BIOS 1.5, microcode 0xaa00212, 2 x 10 Gb Intel Ethernet Controller X550T, 1x1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS, 5

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74th and 5th Gen Intel Xeon processor performance with DistilBERT configurations: Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+ processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+ processor, 64 cores, Intel HT Technology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, NUMA 2, 1,024 GB total memory (16 x 64 GB DDR5 5,600 MT/s), BIOS 2.0, microcode 0x21000161, 2 x Intel Ethernet Controller X710 for 106BASE-T, 1 x 1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS, 5.15.15.0-78-generic, framework = PyTorch 2.0, IPEX=2.0, Python 3.8, AI model = DistilBERT (https://github.com/IntelAI/models/), INT8-AMX, real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 5 ms latency SLA, tested by Intel as of 10/10/2023. Intel Xeon Platinum 8480+ processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8480+ processor, 56 cores, Intel HT Technology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, NUMA 2, 1,024 GB total memory (16 x 64 GB DDR5 4,800 MT/s), BIOS 2.0, microcode 0x250004401, 1x Intel Ethernet Controller 1225-LM, 1 x 1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS, 5.15.0-78-generic, framework = PyTorch 2.0, IPEX=2.0, Python 3.8, AI model = DistilBERT (https://github.com/IntelAI/models/), INT8-AMX, real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 5 ms latency SLA, tested by Intel as of 09/05/2023. AMD EPYC 9654 processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x AMD EPYC 9654 processor, 96 cores, SMT on, turbo on, NUMA 2, 1,536 GB total memory (24 x 64 GB DDR5 4,800 MT/s), BIOS 1.5, microcode 0xal0113e, 2 x 10 Gb Intel Ethernet Controller X550T, 1 x 1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS, 5.15.125-0515125-generic, framework = PyTorch 2.0, IPEX=2.0, Python 3.8, AI model = DistilBERT (https://github.com/IntelAI/models/), INT8 real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 5 ms latency SLA, tested by Intel as of 09/10/26/23.

Based on 5th Gen Intel Xeon processors delivering up to 3.49x faster performance than 4th Gen AMD EPYC processors while running real-time NLP inference (DistilBERT), which can drive a fleet a reduction from 50 to 15 servers; over four years, this could save: 1,496.5 MWH of energy, 634,428 kg CO2 emissions, and \$1,300 K. Testing configurations: Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+ processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8592+ processor, 64 cores, Intel HT Technology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, NUMA 2, 1,024 GB total memory (16 x 64 GB DDR5 5,600 MT/s), BIOS 2.0, microcode 0x21000161, 2 x Intel Ethernet Controller X710 for 10GBASE-T, 1x1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.2 LTS, 5.15.0-78-generic, framework = PyTorch 2.0, IPEX=2.0, Python 3.8, AI model = DistilBERT (https://github.com/IntelAl/models/), INT8-AMX, real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 5 ms latency SLA, tested by Intel as of 10/10/2023. AMD EPYC 9554 processor-based configuration: 1-node, 2 x AMD EPYC 9554 processor, 64 cores, SMT on, turbo On, NUMA 2, 1,536 GB total memory (24 x 64 GB DDR5 4,800 MT/s), BIOS 1.5, microcode 0xal0113e, 2 x 10 Gb Intel Ethernet Controller X550T, 1x1.7 TB Samsung MZQL21T9HCJR-00A07, Ubuntu 22.04.3 LTS, 5.15.125-0515125-generic, framework = PyTorch 2.0, IPEX=2.0, Python 3.8, AI model = DistilBERT (https://github.com/IntelAl/models/), INT8, real time (BS=1) results while maintaining 5 ms latency SLA, tested by Intel as of 09/11/23. Cost calculations for a 50 server fleet with AMD EPYC 9554 processors, estimated as of October 2023: capital expenditure (CapEx) costs: \$1.36; operating expense (OpEx) costs over four years, including power and cooling utility costs and infrastructure and hardware maintenance: \$749.7K; energy use in kWh (over four years, per server): 46,573, PUE 1.6; other assumptions: utility costs and infrastructure and hardware maintenance costs: \$238.3K; energy use in kWh (over four years, per server): 55,475, PUE 1.6; other assumptions: utility cost \$0.1/kWh, kWh to kg

Software configuration for INT8 measurements: TensorFlow ResNet-50 v1.5, inference: BS=116 (INT8), 1 instance/socket. one DNN v2.7, Intel optimized TensorFlow 2.10. Tested by Intel on 10/24/2022 (3rd and 4th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors) and 7/19/2022 (2rd and 1st Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processors). Hardware configurations: 4th Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processor hardware configuration (measured): Pre-production platform with 2S Intel Xeon Platinum 8480 processor (56 cores, 350 W thermal design power [TDP]) with 1TB (8 channels/64 GB/4,800 MHz) total DDR5 memory, using BKC 01, using Intel AMX/INT8 and BF16, CentOS Stream 8, Intel AMX kernels (5.15), measurements will vary. 3rd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processor hardware configuration (measured): 1 node, 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8380 processor (40 cores/2.3 GHz, 270 W TDP) processor with 1TB (8 slots/64 GB/3,200 MHz) total DDR4 memory, ucode 0xd00002f2, Intel HT Technology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, Usuntu 20.04.2 LTS (Focal Fossa), 5.4.0-73-generic, 1x Intel SSDSC2CW480A3 OS drive. 2nd Gen Intel Xeon Scalable processor hardware configuration (measured): 1 node, 2-socket Intel Xeon Platinum 8280 processor, 28 cores, Intel HT Technology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, 384 GB total memory (12 slots/32 GB/2,933 MHz), BIOS: SE5C620.86B.02.01.0013.12152020065 (ucode: 0x500320a), CentOS Stream 8, 4.18.0-383.el8.x86\_64. Intel Xeon Scalable processor hardware configuration (measured): 1 node, 2-socket Intel Xeon Platinum 8180 processor, 28 cores, Intel HTTechnology on, Intel Turbo Boost Technology on, 384 GB total memory (12 slots/32 GB/2,666 MHz), BIOS: SE5C620.86B.0X.01.0117.021220182317 (ucode: 0x2006b06), Ubuntu 20.04.2 LTS, 5.4.0-73-generic.

<sup>10</sup> Based on peak architectural capability of matrix multiply + accumulate operations per cycle per core assuming 100 percent CPU utilization. As of August 2021. For full workloads and configuration details, visit intel.com/processorclaims (Architecture Day 2021). Results may vary.

"The global NLP market size source: Fortune Business Insights. "Natural Language Processing (NLP) Market Size, Share & COVID-19 Impact Analysis, By Deployment (On-Premises, Cloud, Hybrid), By Enterprise Size (SMEs, and Large Enterprises), By Technology (Interactive Voice Response (IVR), Optical Character Recognition (OCR), Text Analytics, Speech Analytics, Classification and Categorization), By Industry Vertical (Healthcare, Retail, High Tech, and Telecom, Financial Services, and Insurance, Automotive & Transportation, Advertising & Media, Manufacturing), and Regional Forecasts, 2023-2030." June 2021. fortunebusinessinsights.com/industry-reports/natural-language-processing-nlp-market-101933#.

