

What are AI chips in the server industry chain



AI Overview

The server AI chip ecosystem includes GPUs, custom ASICs, AI-capable CPUs, and specialized AI accelerators from leading vendors like NVIDIA, AMD, Intel, Google, and AWS. Key Types of AI Chips

- 1. Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)** GPUs remain the dominant choice for AI training and inference due to their parallel processing capabilities. Leading GPUs include NVIDIA Hopper (H100/H200) and Blackwell (B200/B300) series and AMD MI300 series. These chips feature high-bandwidth memory (over 250GB HBM in top models), advanced packaging like TSMC CoWoS-L, chiplets, and multi-die designs, enabling large AI models to run efficiently. GPUs are flexible across workloads but generally consume more power than ASICs.
- 2. Custom AI ASICs** Hyperscalers and cloud providers increasingly develop custom ASICs for AI workloads to optimize cost and performance. Examples include Google TPU, AWS Trainium, AWS Inferentia, Cerebras, SambaNova, and Groq LPU. Some ASICs support both training and inference (TPU, Trainium, Cerebras, SambaNova), while others focus exclusively on inference (Groq LPU, Inferentia). Custom ASICs can reduce total cost of ownership by 40–65% compared to GPUs for large-scale deployments.
- 3. AI-Capable CPUs** Modern server CPUs, including Intel Xeon, AMD EPYC, and ARM-based processors, are increasingly optimized for AI workloads. ARM CPUs have grown to ~20% of the data center server share due to energy efficiency gains of 30–60%, and NVIDIA's next-gen Vera Rubin platform is ARM-exclusive.
- 4. Emerging AI Accelerators** Startups and specialized vendors are developing matrix-based AI accelerators and spatial AI chips for high-efficiency inference and training. These chips often integrate heterogeneous compute units and advanced memory architectures to accelerate specific AI model types.

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