

AI Server EML Lifespan Comparison



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AI servers typically have a useful lifespan of 3–6 years, while EMLs are highly reliable photonic components with long operational lifespans, often exceeding the server lifecycle.

AI Server Lifespan

AI servers, particularly those used for high-performance computing and large language model workloads, face both physical wear and rapid technological obsolescence. GPUs and CPUs in these servers operate under high thermal and electrical stress, with typical utilization rates of 60–70%, which limits their practical lifespan to 1–3 years for AI chips, even though companies often depreciate them over 5–6 years for accounting purposes (Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Meta) . Server lifespans have historically been extended by major tech companies: AWS, Google, Meta, and Microsoft have gradually increased server replacement cycles from 3 years to 6 years over 2020–2024, achieving significant cost savings. However, some rollbacks have occurred due to early retirement of certain server types, reflecting the tension between financial depreciation schedules and actual operational limits . On-prem AI infrastructure platforms (Dell, HPE, Lenovo, Supermicro, Cisco, Nutanix) are designed for high-density GPU workloads, with liquid- and air-cooled options to improve thermal management and extend server longevity. Despite these optimizations, the intense workload of AI training and inference accelerates wear, making replacement cycles shorter than traditional enterprise servers .

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