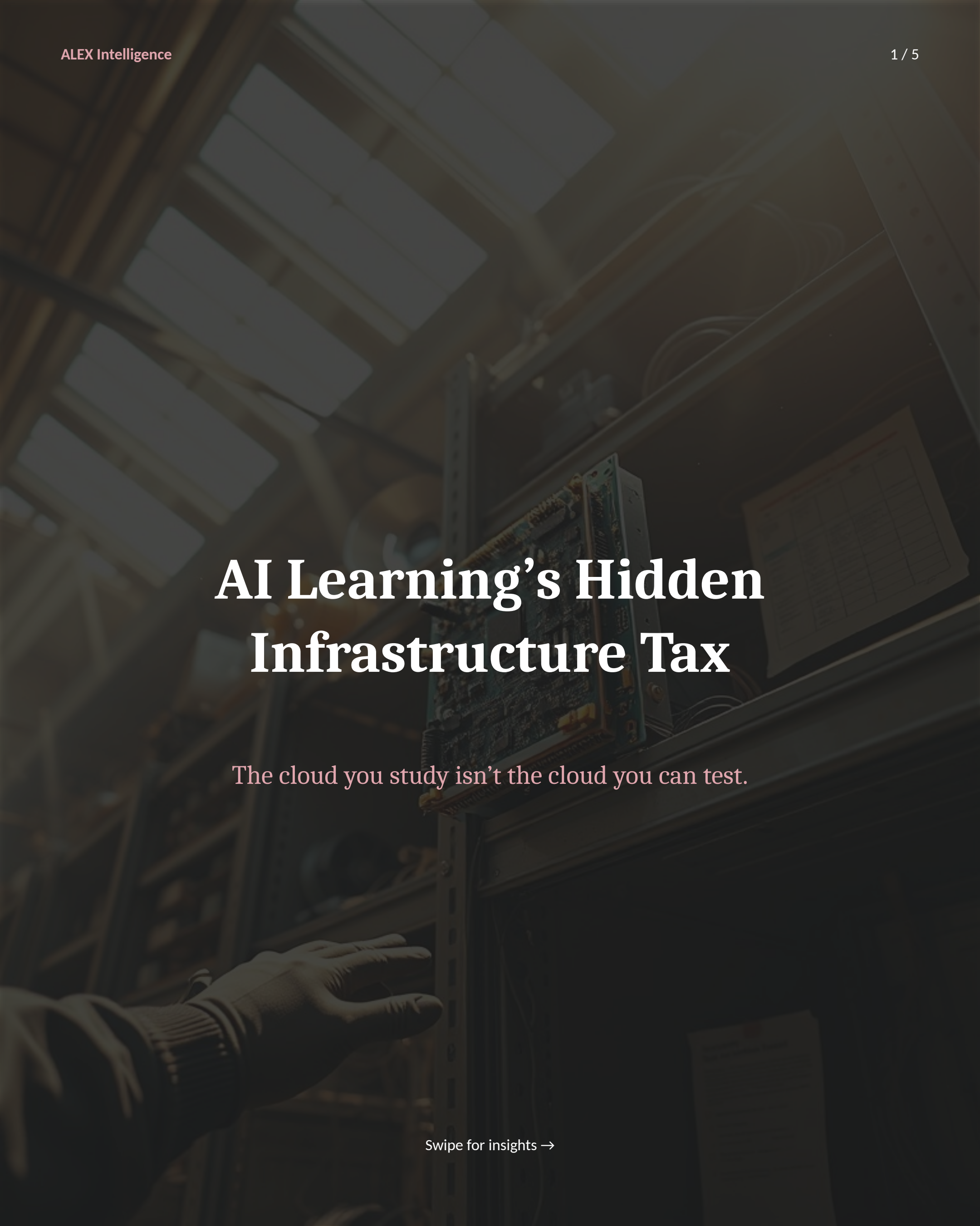


AI Learning's Hidden Infrastructure Tax

The cloud you study isn't the cloud you can test.

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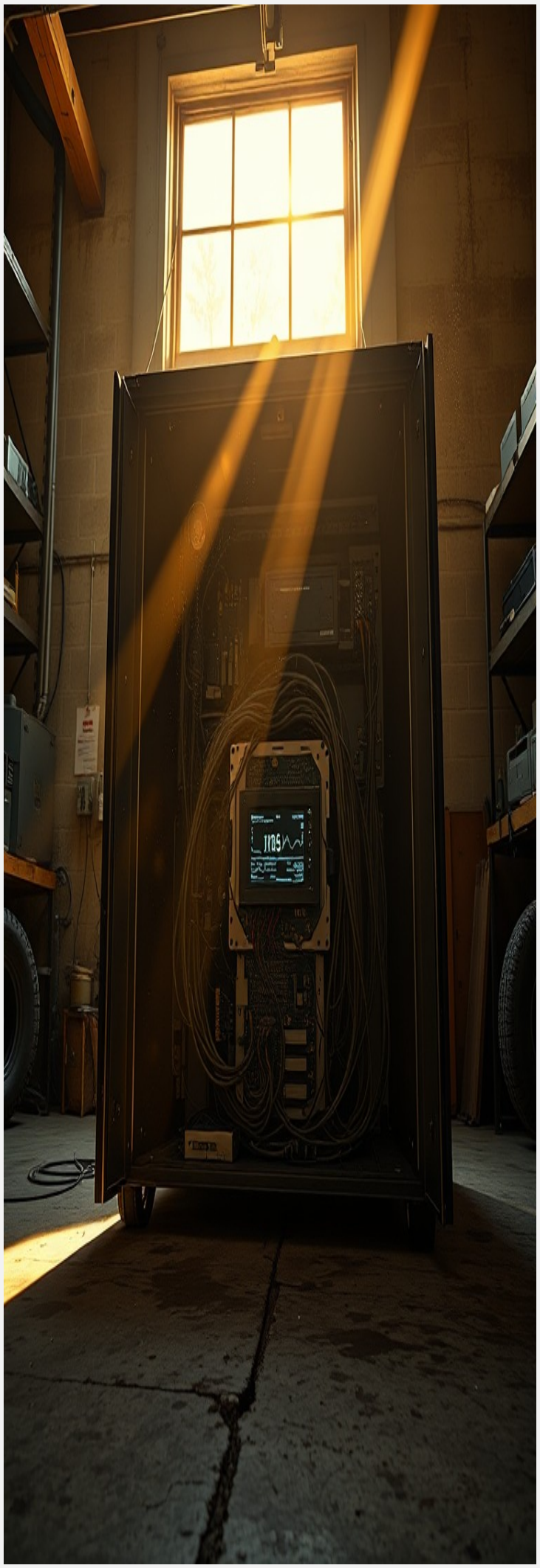
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SR-IOV-compatible open-source hardware platform

Research Access Gap

A breakthrough tool enabling real-world cloud experimentation.

Jeffery Lim’s open-source hardware platform, developed at MIT Lincoln Laboratory, finally allows researchers to test cloud innovations on infrastructure mimicking real-world providers like AWS and Azure. This closes a critical gap: academic AI learning has long been isolated from the actual performance systems used by industry.



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Free AI learning lacks real hardware access

The cost of true AI mastery isn’t just hours—it’s access to the same physical layers that power industry-scale systems. Without this, learners are building on sand, not steel.





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Open hardware is the new frontier of AI equity

This shift means that the next generation of AI innovators won’t need to wait for corporate access. They can build, test, and iterate in a realistic environment—today, for free.

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