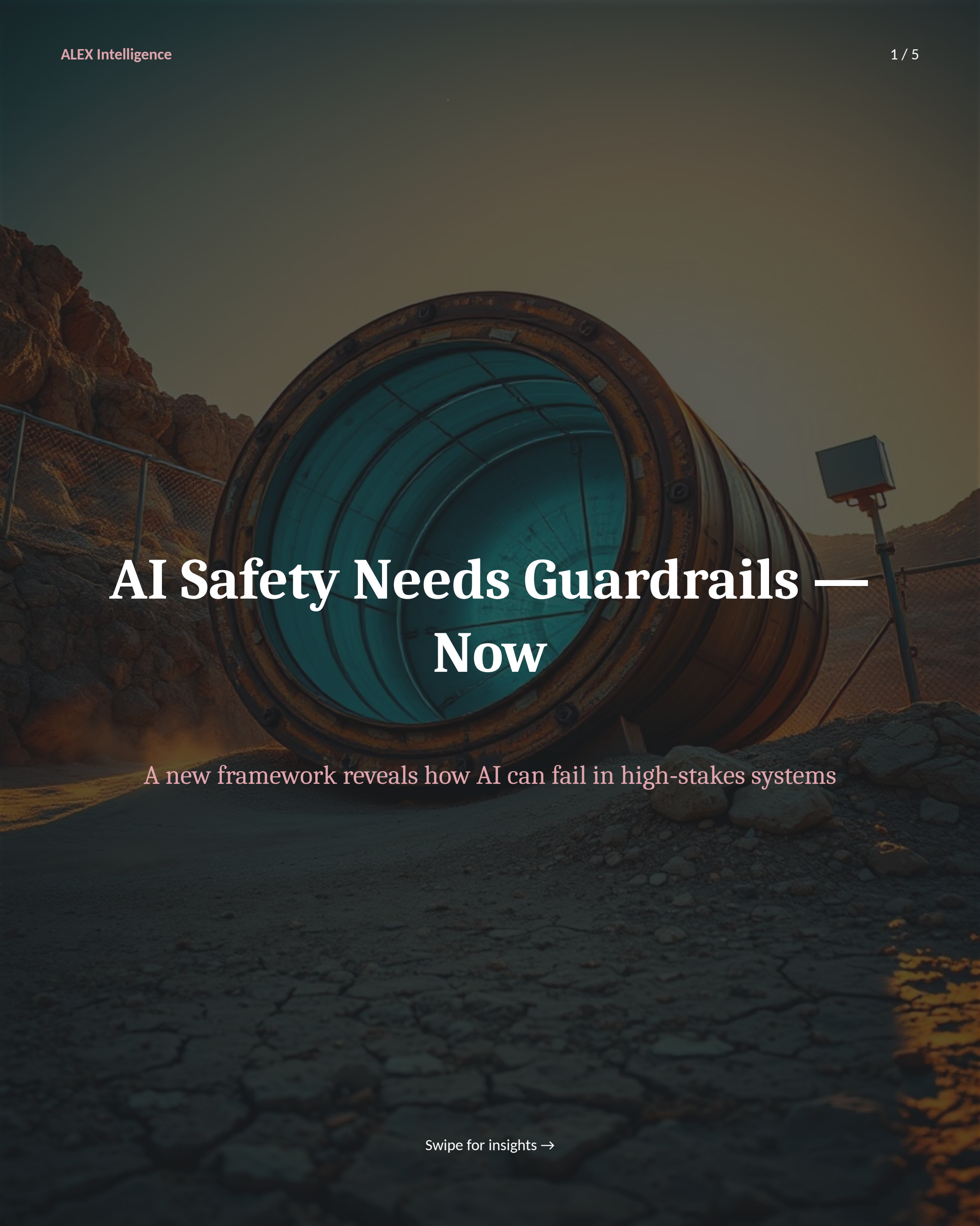


AI Safety Needs Guardrails — Now

A new framework reveals how AI can fail in high-stakes systems

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Critical AI Governance Domains

MIT Sloan identifies four essential areas where AI systems must be governed to avoid systemic failure in safety-critical industries.

The MIT Sloan report published on November 10, 2026, identifies bias mitigation, data privacy, transparency, and accountability as the four non-negotiable pillars of AI governance. In nuclear energy, where a single oversight can cascade into catastrophic failure, these guardrails are not optional—they are foundational. Without them, even the most advanced digital twins or predictive models risk introducing undetected flaws into reactor operations or safety licensing.



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Guardrails Are the New Safety Case

This means that every AI system deployed in reactor operations must undergo a formal governance audit—not just for accuracy, but for traceability, fairness, and resilience under stress. The safety argument is no longer just about physics; it’s about the integrity of the AI’s decision-making process.



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AI’s Blind Spots Are the Real Risk

For example, an AI trained on historical data might not recognize a novel fault pattern caused by material fatigue in SMR fuel cladding. Without a mandatory accountability layer—such as adversarial testing and independent validation—the system may appear to function correctly while silently degrading. The lesson is clear: AI cannot replace the safety culture; it must be embedded within it.

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