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WHEN THE CLOUD STARTS DESIGNING ITS OWN CHIPS

Maia 300 turns silicon, software, power and institutional dependence into one executive decision.

01 · COMPONENT TO SYSTEM

THE CHIP IS BECOMING PART OF THE OPERATING MODEL

A custom accelerator changes the rack, network, software tools and the teams accountable for performance.

02 · EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND

EFFICIENCY DOES NOT SETTLE THE ENERGY QUESTION

More output per megawatt can lower unit cost while total electricity use still rises with scale.



03 · DEPENDENCY

DEPENDENCY DOES NOT DISAPPEAR. IT MOVES.

Owning silicon can reduce one supplier risk while deepening dependence on a provider's complete cloud stack.

04 · HUMAN OPERATIONS

THE INFRASTRUCTURE STILL RUNS THROUGH PEOPLE

Technicians, planners and communities carry the reliability, water, power and safety consequences behind AI services.

05 · GOVERNANCE

SET THE THRESHOLDS BEFORE GIGAWATT SCALE

Define evidence, energy budgets, fallback capacity and public reporting before deployment becomes difficult to reverse.



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