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AI-for-science signals led the day, while Anthropic and OpenAI appeared to move cyber-capable models into more controlled access paths. The brief also covers better agent evaluation, new product releases from Anthropic, Runway, and DeepSeek, and fresh infrastructure and policy signals.

### Top Stories

*Why it matters: the biggest signals today were AI moving deeper into science, stronger cyber models entering gated channels, and tougher scrutiny of headline agent claims.*

- **AI is moving from scientific assistance toward research acceleration.** Posts highlighted work attributed to OpenAI on a math conjecture, DeepMind on leukemia drug candidates, FutureHouse on a blindness treatment, and Google + Harvard's ERA on scientific simulation code [1]. Separately, one researcher said Codex made what looked like publishable progress on 20–50-year-old open conjectures after 8+ hours of autonomous runtime, and argued the highest-value use may be accelerating active research directions rather than older unsolved problems [2].
- **Frontier cyber models appear to be moving toward restricted deployment, not broad release.** Posts indicated Anthropic is preparing **claude-mythos-1-preview** for Claude Code and Claude Security, with access strings added and the model briefly visible in the UI; another post noted Anthropic had already signaled the exact model may not be for the general public [3]. In parallel, OpenAI is rolling out **GPT-5.5-Cyber** through Trusted Access for verified defenders [4].

- **Big autonomous-agent claims are facing a higher evidence bar.** A fact-check of Google's claim that agents built an entire operating system from a "single prompt" said that framing is misleading, human intervention is unclear, there was no analysis of whether the agents copied code, and the prompt, code, and logs were not released [5, 6]. The authors argue that open-world evaluations need new methodological norms beyond benchmark-style reporting [7].

## Research & Innovation

*Why it matters: the most useful research updates were about better interfaces, better evaluations, and more realistic tests of agent performance.*

- **A new harness paper suggests interface design can unlock large gains.** It reported an **88.5% average relative improvement** across 7 deterministic environments, 126 model-environment settings, and 18 backbones, and said a harness learned from one model trajectory generalized to 17 other backbones, implying it captured environment structure rather than model-specific behavior [8].
- **Long-horizon web agents are being measured on multi-hour workflows.** Microsoft Research's Webwright took the **#1** spot on Odysseys, a benchmark for sustained planning, memory, reasoning, and verification across many websites and tools [9]. Its example tasks look closer to real analyst work than single-step browser tests [9].
- **Models still forecast scientific progress poorly.** A paper covering **4,760 scientific events** found frontier models can identify plausible research directions, but cannot reliably predict whether advances will happen or on what timeline; the authors attribute this to miscalibration rather than missing knowledge [10]. That is an important constraint for AI-scientist and research-planning agents [10].

## Products & Launches

*Why it matters: launches continue to push AI into production platforms, video workflows, and multimodal model interfaces.*

- **Claude Opus 4.8 is now available on Google Vertex.** Posts also said **Sonnet 4.8** is expected soon after an earlier leak [11, 12].
- **Runway released Aleph 2.0 for shot-level video editing.** Early testers said a user can edit a single frame with tools like Nano Banana Pro, GPT Image 2, or Gen-4, and Aleph will propagate the change across the full sequence [13]. Tester reaction was strongly positive [14, 13].
- **DeepSeek appears to have added vision.** One post framed it as a reliable, fast, cost-effective option among Chinese models, while another

estimated the current vision quality around **Qwen 3** level and less integrated than Claude or Gemini [15, 16].

## Industry Moves

*Why it matters: the business story remains a mix of infrastructure buildout, internal AI mandates, and new startup operating models.*

- **DeepSeek's financing looks increasingly tied to physical AI infrastructure.** Posts said investors in its reported round include CATL, JD.com, NetEase, Tencent, state funds, and others, with CATL's interest linked to AI data-center power equipment and energy storage [17]. Another post said DeepSeek is hiring data-center engineers in Inner Mongolia and starting hyperscale builds to tap green power [17].
- **Google is framing AI as an operating mandate.** A DeepMind director described AI integration inside Google as "**not a luxury, an obligation**," pointing to major internal changes underway [18].
- **Polsia raised $30M at a $250M valuation while pitching an AI-run company model.** The startup said it is approaching **$10M** in annual run rate, has one founder and zero employees, and used AI to run operations and even its own fundraising [19].

## Policy & Regulation

*Why it matters: talent policy is becoming AI policy when frontier labs depend heavily on global researchers.*

- **A U.S. immigration change could complicate hiring and retention at frontier labs.** Posts said many top researchers at OpenAI, Anthropic, Google, Meta, and other labs are non-U.S. citizens on temporary visas, and that forcing them to leave the country to apply for a green card adds uncertainty and delay to a strategically important talent pool [20].

## Quick Takes

*Why it matters: a few smaller updates sharpen the picture on training methods, agent design, vision models, and data strategy.*

- **RandOpt** reported PPO/GRPO-level or better results by adding Gaussian noise to pretrained models and ensembling the outputs, with tests across Qwen, Llama, OLMo3, and VLMs [21].
- A Google Cloud guide outlined five practical patterns for long-running agents, including checkpoint/resume, delegated approval, layered memory, ambient processing, and fleet orchestration [22].
- Roboflow said **Gemini 3.5 Flash** showed its clearest gains over Gemini 3.1 Pro in counting and spatial reasoning, two categories important for industrial vision [23].

- On DCLM, one result suggested the best data filter for large models may be **no filter**, with a follow-up post arguing low-quality data can aid generalization and contrast learning [24, 25].

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