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Prime Intellect reports frontier agents closing 82% of a human optimizer record, while new benchmark and agent-interface work exposes how much performance depends on evaluation conditions.

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Why it matters: The strongest capability signal is now sustained agent work under disclosed conditions, not a model label alone.

Autonomous research is measurable, but novelty remains scarce. Prime Intellect reports 100+ autonomous runs across 10+ models on 8×H200s for up to eight days; the best runs closed 82% of the gap to a human-built nanoGPT optimizer record. Elie Bakouch calls the experiment noisy (~50-step spread after 24 hours), says Fable 5 reached the 82% mark, and highlights Kimi K3 building an experiment API. The team's own surprise—deep understanding but few genuinely new ideas—makes this a sustained-optimization signal, not yet evidence of open-ended scientific creativity. [1, 2, 3]

DeepSeek V4 Pro's score is a harness result in this test. A community report says the same release scored 91 in DSH Standard but 99/96 in DSH Minimal and 98/99 in Anchored Standard on a frozen Project2 V4.1b test, matching Sol, Fable, and Opus's top band. Minimal reproduces the RL-time prompt with `bash` and `str_replace_editor`; Anchored Standard restores 25 tools after the first call without returning to 91. The report notes DeepSeek's model card spec-

ifies Minimal for public code-agent benchmarks, while default users still often see 91—making prompt, tool schema, and harness disclosure essential. [4]

Research & Innovation

Why it matters: Reliability gains may come from better tests and agent interfaces, not only larger checkpoints.

BenchDrift generates meaning-preserving benchmark variants. Across eight models on GSM8K, MMLU, and MATH-Hard, phrasing sensitivity persists: stronger models lose more from rephrasing than they gain, and confident answers can break even when only wording length changes. [5]

StateBridge passes the last 64-token hidden states directly into a receiving model's embedding space without retraining. It beat or tied baselines on 22/26 tests and raised Qwen3-32B GPQA from 58.3% with text to 64.1%; testing used identical weights, and the less-visible channel is harder to debug and govern. [6]

ArchAgent v2 uses cascaded evolution and hardware-budget feedback to find a three-level prefetcher that beat the prior hand-designed champion by 0.3% geometric-mean IPC; multi-core search remains bottlenecked by simulation latency. [7]

Products & Launches

Why it matters: Agent products are making orchestration and browsing behaviors user-facing runtime features.

Multi-agents v2 now lets a model delegate to any supported model, including Luna—an explicit model-agnostic delegation layer. [8]

Yutori Navigator runs screenshot-action loops; Together AI says it beats frontier performance at twice the inference speed and 4–5× lower cost. [9]

Industry Moves

Why it matters: Commercial concentration, talent retention, and memory access are becoming strategic AI variables.

OpenAI's commercial center is turning enterprise. Kimmonismus, citing the Financial Times, reports that a 60/40 consumer-enterprise revenue split at the start of the year has crossed to majority enterprise. Separately, the account reports GPU-systems engineer Scott Gray's departure and at least 12 senior-leader exits in 2026; the two signals should not be treated as causal. [10, 11]

Memory supply is becoming a geopolitical AI constraint. A WSJ-cited post says the Trump administration is pressing Apple over CXMT/YMTC memory chips for devices sold in China; standard parts are legal, while sharing information for customized chips requires a U.S. license. [12]

Policy & Regulation

Why it matters: Frontier labs are arguing for differentiated oversight rather than uniform rules.

Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei calls regulation-versus-distribution a false choice. He supports stronger testing for frontier than off-frontier models, exemptions for smaller firms (citing $500M for California's SB53), pre-deployment testing for frontier and open-weight models approaching the frontier, and a FINRA-like entity. These are Anthropic's policy positions, not enacted changes. [13]

Quick Takes

Why it matters: Smaller signals point to cheaper inference, wider adoption, and open-model reach.

- Pranjal reports a from-scratch Blackwell NVFP4 matmul beating cuBLAS by 4.7% at N=8192. [14]
- Doximity's survey of 3,151 U.S. physicians says 63% use AI; 75% of AI users report lower administrative burden and better job satisfaction. [15]
- Bloomberg, cited by @business, reports Alibaba's open-weight models exceeded 3 billion global downloads in six months. [16]

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