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Moonshot opens Kimi-K3's weights while OpenAI reportedly prepares a high-stakes Washington preview and NVIDIA considers a major data-center financing commitment. The brief also covers efficiency research, new agent tooling, and the commercial rise of open-model infrastructure.

Top Stories

Why it matters: frontier competition is now being shaped by both model access and the capital required to deploy models at unprecedented scale.

- **OpenAI is reportedly taking its most powerful model yet to Washington for a preview and seeking speedy approval.** A report says the model recently hacked a real company; public speculation that this signals GPT-6 preparations remains unconfirmed. The development extends the recent focus on frontier-model capability into government engagement and deployment oversight. [1]
- **Moonshot AI released Kimi-K3 open weights on Hugging Face.** The 2.8-trillion-parameter, native-multimodal model has a one-million-token context window and is designed for long-horizon agentic coding and self-evolving workflows. Moonshot says its Delta Attention enables up to 6.3× faster decoding in million-token contexts, while Attention Residuals improve training efficiency by roughly 25% at under 2% added cost. [2, 3]
- **NVIDIA is reportedly in talks to provide a \$250 billion financing backstop for an OpenAI data center in Ohio.** The facility could cost about \$500 billion in total, according to the cited Wall Street Journal

report. If completed, it would underscore how financing capacity has become central to frontier AI expansion. [4]

Research & Innovation

Why it matters: work on training efficiency and agent learning is targeting the compute and rollout costs that constrain large-scale AI development.

- **NVIDIA research argues AdamW has a scaling ceiling.** At next-token-prediction batch sizes up to 100 million tokens, the work reports SOAP and Muon retain stability and quality as AdamW degrades. On multi-billion-parameter models trained over trillions of tokens, both reportedly outperform AdamW; the team also describes a Megatron-LM-compatible distributed optimizer. Paper [5]
- **Microsoft Research and the University of Amsterdam introduced ReOPD for agent distillation.** Rather than running live environments for every student rollout, it replays pre-collected teacher trajectories and uses a step-decaying sampling schedule to avoid the “prefix trap.” The paper reports preserved or improved accuracy with zero student-training tool calls and at least 4× faster rollouts across math and search settings. Paper [6]
- **JAXBench provides 50 real-architecture workloads for TPU kernel optimization.** Researchers from Google, Harvard, and UC Berkeley report that curated TPU documentation raised Gemini 3 Flash’s per-sample correctness from 5.8% to 37.3%; it solved 48 of 50 workloads at a 1.28× geometric-mean speedup. [7]

Products & Launches

Why it matters: new releases are focusing on lower inference costs, multi-model orchestration, and production serving flexibility.

- **Google launched Gemini 3.6 Flash, 3.5 Flash-Lite, and 3.5 Flash Cyber.** Google reports that 3.6 Flash uses 17% fewer output tokens than 3.5 Flash while improving coding and knowledge-work performance. [8]
- **Sakana AI released Fugu-Ultra v1.1 with a Claude Code-compatible interface.** It lets developers orchestrate a dynamically coordinated team of frontier models from the terminal instead of relying on a single model for coding, debugging, and execution. [9]
- **vLLM 0.26.0 adds per-KV-cache-group attention backend selection and tiered KV offloading.** The release also includes DeepSeek-V4 speedups across NVIDIA, ROCm, and XPU hardware, plus multimodal video/audio support in its Rust frontend. [10, 11, 12]

Industry Moves

Why it matters: open models are moving from release announcements toward production capacity and commercial deployment.

- **Together Compute announced Kimi K3 for its Provisioned Throughput service.** The offering promises reserved token capacity, a 99% production uptime SLA, and a stated cost 65% below Fable. [13]
- **Open-model usage is gaining share, according to Together Compute.** The company says open models rose from 10% to 30% of tokens in a year, arguing that open and modular approaches win on cost. [14]

Quick Takes

Why it matters: practical agent systems, evaluation limits, and deployment tooling continue to advance alongside flagship releases.

- **Hermes Agent** now uses progressive tool disclosure: large MCP tool sets are routed through a search-and-execute tool when they would consume more than 5% of available context. [15]
- **Epoch AI** found that style-imitated AI text evaded three detectors more often than plain AI text; scientific-writing samples went undetected about 26% of the time. [16]
- **ChatGPT Work**, according to Sam Altman, completed a phone-prompted workflow spanning trip planning, a coordination website, reservations, and an email draft. [17]
- **Cohere** says it has released Transcribe, Command A+, and North Mini Code under Apache 2.0 this year, with more open-source models planned. [18]

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