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OpenAI said it is shifting compute toward automated researchers, Anthropic changed how Claude subscriptions work with third-party tools, and Qwen 3.6 Plus posted unusually fast adoption. This brief also covers DeepSeek's Huawei-linked V4 plans, practical new research in formalization and model auditing, and a fresh wave of launches across extraction, multimodal creation, and developer tooling.

Top Stories

Why it matters: The clearest signals this cycle were about where frontier labs are sending scarce compute, which models are winning real usage, and how access to top systems is being tightened.

OpenAI is concentrating compute on automated researchers

OpenAI said it is reallocating compute, researchers, and product capacity toward its next generation of models and agent systems, echoing the internal shift that preceded GPT-3 [1]. Multiple summaries said the current focus is automated researchers and agent-based systems that can execute complex tasks end-to-end, with Sora deprioritized as part of that move [2].

> "We need to concentrate our compute and our product capacity into these next generation of automated researchers and companies… it's about compute. It's always about compute." [1]

This matters because it makes agents a primary destination for frontier capacity rather than a side project. That shift is happening while one estimate said the largest AI data centers are doubling compute capacity every ~6.5 months [3].

Anthropic is ending Claude subscription coverage for third-party tools like OpenClaw

Anthropic told users that Claude subscriptions would no longer cover usage on third-party tools such as OpenClaw; users can still use those tools via extra usage bundles offered at a discount or with a Claude API key [4]. A later clarification said tools that wrap Claude Code for local use remain allowed for Claude subscribers [5].

This matters beyond one tool. It shows that access policy, subsidy levels, and platform control are now shaping what agent products can be built on top of frontier models, not just model quality [6, 7].

Qwen 3.6 Plus moved from launch to heavy usage quickly

Alibaba positioned Qwen3.6-Plus as a step toward native multimodal agents, highlighting stronger agentic coding, improved multimodal vision, leading general capability, and a 1M-token context window via API [8]. Soon after, OpenRouter said Qwen 3.6 Plus became the first model on its platform to process more than 1 trillion tokens in a single day, reaching roughly 1.4 trillion tokens and taking the #1 spot [9, 10].

That is a direct adoption signal, not just a benchmark result. It suggests strong real-world demand for long-context, agent-oriented models [9, 10].

DeepSeek V4 is being linked more tightly to Huawei's chip ecosystem

Posts linking to *The Information* said DeepSeek V4 is expected within weeks, with two variants being built to run on Huawei semiconductors [11, 12]. Those posts also said major Chinese tech companies have pre-ordered hundreds of thousands of Huawei chips, and that DeepSeek has been working with Huawei and Cambricon on migration work involving code rewrites and performance verification [11]. Another cited reason for delay was that migration work, alongside model improvements and infrastructure expansion for new users [11, 13].

Separately, a DeepSeek outage was traced to a one-line bug in 3FS+ that disabled batch I/O under extreme concurrency; summaries on X tied the incident to likely new-model testing and higher I/O and KV-cache pressure [14]. Not everyone treated the Huawei angle as wholly new: one commenter said DeepSeek models have been running on Huawei chips for some time already [15].

The broader significance is strategic: model roadmaps are increasingly being shaped by domestic hardware ecosystems, not just raw model ambition [11].

Multiple capability trackers still point to short doubling times

One post said METR time horizons are doubling every ~107 days, with Opus 4.6 reaching 11.98 hours in February and a point estimate of about 87.4 hours by year-end [16]. A separate post on a new MIT paper said LLMs are doubling the

length of tasks they can perform every 3.8 months after testing 40+ models on 3,000+ real labor-market text tasks—a different task distribution from METR, which one commenter said makes the similar result notable [17]. In parallel, the authors of AI-2027 said faster-than-expected agentic coding progress moved one automated-coder median forecast from late 2029 to mid-2028 [18].

Taken together, these are different methods pointing to continued rapid growth in how long and how autonomously models can work [17, 3].

Research & Innovation

Why it matters: This cycle's strongest research signals were practical: formalizing mathematics, auditing model behavior, patching real database plans, and improving what open models can do per token.

Large-scale multi-agent formalization reached a new milestone

Researchers said they translated an entire graduate math textbook into Lean using 30,000 LLM agents, calling it a milestone in automatic formalization and releasing both the blueprint/Lean artifacts and the codebase/preprint [19].

Anthropic proposed model diffing for targeted audits

Anthropic Fellows introduced a method that applies the software diff idea to open-weight AI models so auditors can focus on what is unique in a new model rather than rechecking everything it shares with a trusted baseline [20, 21]. Anthropic said the method can surface distinct behavioral features, illustrated with an example comparison between Qwen and Llama, while also noting that the approach can be oversensitive and sometimes flag analogous features as distinct [22, 23].

Together Research used LLMs to repair database query plans

Together Research said LLMs can improve suboptimal database execution plans by reading DataFusion's physical operator graph and patching the plan directly instead of regenerating it from scratch [24]. On TPC-H and TPC-DS, it reported up to 4.78x faster execution, more than 60% of queries improving by over 5%, and build memory dropping from 3.3 GB to 411 MB [24]. The team also said optimizations found on small-scale data transferred to production settings [24].

Follow-on Gemma 4 analysis emphasized efficiency, not just size

New benchmarking from Artificial Analysis said Gemma 4 now spans four open-weight multimodal models with reasoning mode, native image/video input across all sizes, audio input on the smaller variants, larger context windows, and Apache 2.0 licensing [25]. The flagship 31B model scored 39 on its Intelligence Index, trailed Qwen3.5 27B by 3 points, but used about 2.5x fewer output

tokens to run the benchmark suite [25]. The smallest E2B variant was described as fitting under 3 GB of RAM at 4-bit quantization for on-device use [25].

A new paper argued test-time compute can recover latent knowledge

A new paper on latent learning asked when extra test-time compute can help models use information that is already latent in their training data [26, 27]. The authors connected this to a broader latent learning gap and framed test-time thinking as a complementary way to bring necessary information back into context, alongside other approaches such as synthetic data [28, 29].

Products & Launches

Why it matters: A large share of this cycle's shipping activity focused on tools people can use immediately: grounded extraction libraries, TPU job runners, and faster multimodal media systems.

Keras introduced a simpler way to run GPU and TPU jobs

Keras Kinetic debuted as a library that lets users run jobs on cloud TPU/GPU with a simple decorator, while handling packaging of local code and data dependencies, container builds, accelerator scheduling on GKE, and returning results locally with real-time logs [30]. The Keras team said it supports distributed training, async jobs, and all Keras backends, and released it in beta [31, 32, 33].

Google released LangExtract for traceable structured extraction

LangExtract is an open-source Python library from Google for turning unstructured text into grounded structured outputs where every extraction maps back to the source text [34]. Google said it combines few-shot prompting with controlled generation, can process long documents through chunking and multi-pass extraction, works with both cloud and local models, and includes interactive HTML for reviewing large numbers of entities [34].

fal expanded its multimodal creation lineup

fal put **daVinci-MagiHuman** live for joint video-and-audio generation, with expressive faces, synchronized speech/expression, six supported languages, and 5-second video generation in under 3 seconds at 256p, scaling up to 1080p [35]. It also updated **Veo 3.1 Lite**, which supports text-to-video, image-to-video, and first/last-frame generation, while introducing an Audio Off option and lower pricing at $0.03/s for 720p and $0.05/s for 1080p [36, 37].

Google brought Lyria 3 music generation into the Gemini app

Google said Lyria 3 in Gemini can generate music from text, photos, or video references, with prompting support for genre, era, instrumentation, and custom

lyrics [38, 39]. It is accessible through the create music option in the Gemini app [40].

Anthropic expanded enterprise connectors across Claude plans

Anthropic made Microsoft 365 connectors available on every Claude plan, letting users connect Outlook, OneDrive, and SharePoint so Claude can work across email, documents, and files inside the conversation [41].

Industry Moves

Why it matters: Strategy is increasingly visible in infrastructure choices: what gets open-sourced, what gets optimized, where voice stacks are colocated, and which older platforms are starting to strain under agent workloads.

NVIDIA opened part of its inference stack, while vLLM kept broadening support

NVIDIA open-sourced its trtllmgen kernels, describing them as the fastest prefill and decode kernels for its target workloads and saying they were built to win benchmarks such as InferenceX and MLPerf while powering top served models [42]. In parallel, vLLM released v0.19.0 with 448 commits from 197 contributors, adding zero-bubble async scheduling with speculative decoding, CPU KV-cache offloading, new hardware support across NVIDIA, AMD, and Intel, and model support including Gemma 4 [43, 44, 45].

Alibaba's hardware push moved higher up the stack

Alibaba DAMO Academy launched Xuantie C950, which it described as the world's fastest RISC-V CPU and said it is optimized for AI workloads in servers and cloud settings [46]. DAMO highlighted unified memory with on-chip CPU+AI acceleration, a 2D Tensor Cache for matrix workloads, and native support for 100B+ parameter LLMs, alongside a 3x+ boost over the prior Xuantie C920 [46].

Real-time voice stacks are consolidating around end-to-end production platforms

Together AI said Deepgram's STT and TTS models are now hosted natively on Together's dedicated inference stack so they can sit alongside LLMs for lower-latency voice agents [47, 48]. The announced lineup includes Flux for conversational STT, Nova-3 and Nova-3 Multilingual for production transcription, and Aura-2 for sub-200ms TTS, with dedicated infrastructure and a 99.9% SLA [49].

OpenAI's Codex app has overtaken its other coding surfaces

OpenAI staff said the Codex App is now the company's most-used surface, ahead of the VS Code extension and CLI, and another post described the app

as growing very fast [50, 51]. That is a useful distribution signal: standalone agentic coding products are gaining their own gravity.

Agent traffic is exposing weak points in older developer platforms

GitHub users and commentators described an ecosystem not yet built for agent-heavy usage. One developer said AI agents keep hitting GitHub API quota limits because this hasn't been designed with agents in mind [52]. Another post said GitHub's free distribution surfaces are seeing extreme agent usage but zero paid conversion, with patterns such as multiple code-review agents per PR, sandboxes cloning per change, 100s of commits used as checkpoints, and automated issue abuse [53].

Policy & Regulation

Why it matters: The main governance signals this cycle came from standards-setting and access control rather than from major new laws.

China launched a new AI safety and security standards body

A new Chinese AI safety/security standards body, WG9, was announced with Zhou Bowen of Shanghai AI Lab in a leadership role and representation from CNCERT/CC, CAICT, the MPS 3rd Research Institute, and CNITSEC [54]. That is a concrete sign of institutionalization around AI safety and security standards inside China.

Platform access rules are becoming governance tools

Anthropic's change to Claude subscription coverage for third-party tools is also a governance signal: access to frontier models is increasingly being managed through product-policy controls, not just model APIs [4]. Anthropic later clarified that local tools wrapping Claude Code remain allowed for subscribers [5].

The UN's new AI panel drew criticism over frontier expertise

A post criticizing the UN Independent International Scientific Panel on AI argued that it lacks a critical mass of experts working directly on frontier foundation models and pointed readers to the public member list [55]. Even as just one critique, it highlights a recurring governance question: whether international AI bodies have enough hands-on frontier-model expertise.

Quick Takes

Why it matters: Smaller updates still reveal where the field is heading in evaluation, observability, applied use cases, and open tooling.

- **Netflix** released **VOID**, its first public open video editing model, alongside paper, code, and a demo app on Hugging Face [56].

- **LangChain** shipped a **LangSmith** plugin to trace Claude Code runs, including subagents, tool calls, compaction runs, evals, and token usage [57].
- **Code Arena** can now handle image inputs for agentic web-development tasks, reasoning through multi-step problems and generating sites and apps from images [58, 59].
- A measurement argument from **Joel Becker**, **Nate Rush**, and **Ajeya Cotra** said many AI scores understate capability because agents are typically given far less token budget and compute than humans get in labor time [60, 61, 62].
- **RF-DETR** was highlighted as a strong open-source choice for aerial and satellite object detection, with reported average gains of 2-5 mAP over alternatives and a 12 mAP edge over fine-tuned YOLO in one project [63, 64].
- **Gemini CLI** was shown automating a full travel-reimbursement workflow, including deduplicating Uber receipts, auditing a hotel folio for a duplicate charge, and rendering email HTML into submission-ready PDFs [65].
- **ARC-AGI-3** said its public human dataset is being prepared for release with full replays, solvability statistics, action traces, and a complete research dump [66].
- AI dominated this week's fastest-growing GitHub projects, led by **microsoft/VibeVoice**, **bytedance/deer-flow**, and **NousResearch/hermes-agent**, with one roundup saying voice AI and self-evolving agents were the dominant themes [67].
- **MaxToki** introduced a temporal model for predicting how cell states change over time under perturbations, and its authors said it surfaced new cardiac pro-aging drivers that were validated in vivo [68].
- **Axolotl** said its trainer is now 3.7x faster without packing and 4.8x faster with packing after fixing a bug [69].

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