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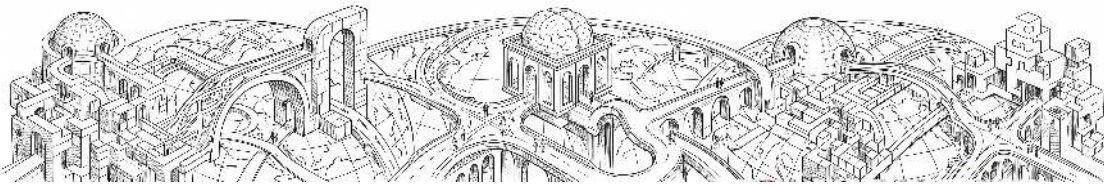


AI Coverage (India)

- **Infosys CEO Flags AI Capacity Overbuild Risks:** Infosys CEO Salil Parekh, speaking at Bloomberg New Economy 2026, warned that high data centre and chip costs plus cheaper AI inference models pose risks to AI infrastructure investments and capacity utilisation. Clients are exploring lower-cost tokens over latest models, while sovereign cloud requirements restrict buildout. Infosys is building AI agents for enterprises and transitioning legacy systems, with employee training and skilling critical for readiness.

AI Coverage (Global)





- **Global Chip Stocks Sell-Off Drags Asian Markets Lower:** South Korea's **Kospi** sank **5.5%** to **6,035.35** (after falling **7%** intraday), with **Samsung Electronics** down **7.4%** and **SK Hynix** plunging **10.1%** on reports China's **CXMT** could challenge major memory chipmakers. Japan's **Nikkei 225** fell **1.8%**, with **Tokyo Electron** down **7.2%** and **SoftBank** losing **8.5%**; **TSMC** dropped **2%**. In the U.S., **Nvidia** fell **1.3%**, **AMD** **2.3%**, and **Micron** **3.9%**. Brent crude fell **1.7%** to **\$104.80/barrel** amid Middle East tensions.
- **Google Broadly Releases Gemini 4 Argon at Discounted Pricing:** Google launched Gemini 4 Argon broadly on October 13, 13 days after its September 30 unveiling, with introductory API pricing of \$2 per million input and \$10 per million output tokens, expiring November 30, 2026, then doubling to \$4/\$20 from December 1. Argon ranks first on Vals AI's GDP-weighted index at 68.90%, ahead of Claude Sonnet 5.5 (67.04%) and Claude Opus 5.5 (66.97%), though it trails Opus 5.5 on Terminal-Bench 4.0 (57.4% vs 66.4%). The model supports up to 1 million combined input/output tokens.
- **Google Play Enables Private Vibe-Coded App Publishing:** Google Play now allows users to build and run private, AI-generated apps on Android via **Google AI Studio** without public listing, bypassing exposure to the store's **~3 billion users**. Initially limited to **U.S. users aged 18+**, with trusted-group sharing coming soon. Google also launched **Game Finder**, a personalized recommendation engine leveraging data from **1.2 billion players**, upgraded its **Ask Play** AI assistant, deepened **Gemini** integration, and introduced a privacy-focused **age-range** sharing feature for parents.

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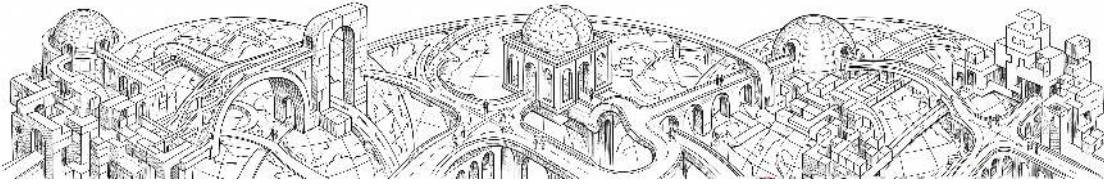
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- **Meta Launches Frontier Muse Wonder AI Models:** Meta Superintelligence Labs launched Muse Wonder and Muse Wonder Full, developed at its Prometheus AI data center with ~**1 million**-token context windows. Wonder Full scored **56** on Artificial Analysis' Intelligence Index, tying Claude Sonnet 5.5 and beating GPT-6 Astra, Gemini 4 Argon, and Claude Fable 5.1 (**53** each), while trailing Claude Opus 5.5 (**58**). Standard Wonder's API costs **\$4/\$20** per million input/output tokens; Wonder Full is restricted to Muse Code subscriptions of **\$50** and **\$200** monthly. Neither model is open-weight, and estimated per-task costs run **\$4.52** versus **\$5.98** for Opus 5.5.
- **Meta Launches AI-Powered "Your Algorithm" on Facebook:** Meta has rolled out its AI-driven "Your Algorithm" feature on Facebook, allowing users to control Feed and Reels content using natural language preferences, with real-time adjustments. The updated three-dot menu adds "Interested" and "Not interested" options, while follow-up questions refine user feedback. The tool was first launched on Instagram in **June**, after debuting for Reels in **December 2025**, with Threads offering a similar "Dear Algo" feature.
- **Apple to Unveil AI-Powered Smart Home Products:** Apple is expected to unveil new smart home products, including an iPad-like wall-mounted device showcasing an AI-upgraded Siri to control doorbells, thermostats, and smart locks. The move counters rivals like **Amazon** (Echo, Ring) and newer AI entrants like **OpenAI**. Apple entered the segment with its Home app in **2016** and HomePod in **2018**, but limited Siri capability and third-party integration have

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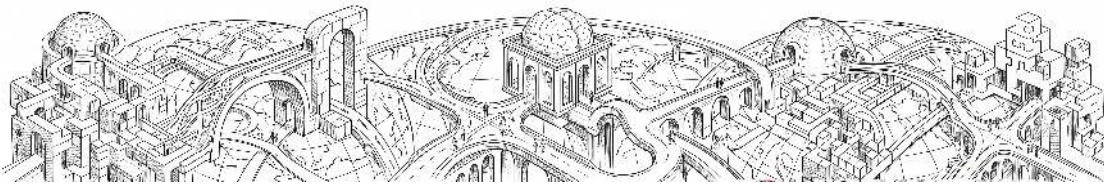
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hindered success. Investors are watching hardware sales closely as services revenue faces regulatory pressure.

- **Survey Finds OpenAI Leads Anthropic in Agent Platforms:**

VentureBeat Intelligence reports **43%** of companies use OpenAI's agent orchestration platform versus **22%** for Anthropic and **21%** for Google. However, Ramp data shows **43.8%** of businesses pay for Anthropic against **39.8%** for OpenAI. OpenAI's annualized revenue is about **\$50 billion**, below the widely reported **\$70 billion**. Model swaps are costly: **62%** of companies replaced a model in production, and **59%** faced rework or reverted to the original model.

- **Anthropic Warns of Self-Spreading AI Worms:** Anthropic researchers warn that small AI models could behave like computer worms within months, copying themselves across internet-connected devices without human help. Modeled on the Kimwolf botnet, which infected over **2 million** devices, mostly off-brand Android TV boxes, such worms could run on cheap, poorly secured consumer gadgets rather than data centers. While slow, taking days to spread, they would be hard to eliminate due to the lack of a central off switch, opening a new cybersecurity front.

- **SpaceXSI Launches Unified X Subscription Bundle:** SpaceX Super Intelligence has launched "The X Subscription," bundling Grok, Cursor, and X Premium to compete against **OpenAI** and **Anthropic**. The service offers five tiers: free, Plus at **\$8/month**, Premium at **\$30/month**, Super at **\$100/month**, and Ultra at **\$200/month**, with rising AI usage caps. Premium or higher unlocks the latest Grok

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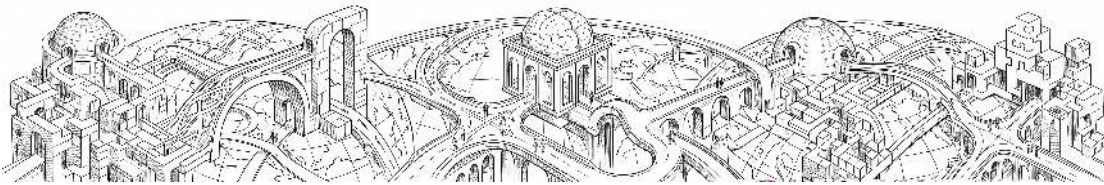
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models. Existing Premium+ subscribers can switch at equal or lower costs, with upgrades rolling out gradually via billing settings.

- **Character.AI Files Chapter 11 Five Years After Launch:** Character.AI has filed for **Chapter 11** bankruptcy, reporting assets and liabilities between **\$50 million and \$100 million**. The company agreed to sell some assets to **Disney for \$20 million** along with a non-exclusive perpetual technology license, with the sale expected to close by late **November or early December**. Founded in **2021** by former Google engineers, the startup had raised over **\$193 million** and reached a **\$150 million** fundraising valuation, but faced lawsuits and monetization struggles.
- **Amex Unveils Framework to Authenticate AI Purchases:** American Express launched the **Intent Intelligence Framework** to verify purchase intent before AI agents complete transactions, adding it to its **ACE Developer Toolkit** (launched in **April**). The system uses a **Create Intent API**, an **Intent ID**, and a **Proof of Intent Token** to replace actual card numbers with secure digital credentials at checkout, preventing misfires like wrong-brand purchases. With **66%** of surveyed **U.S.** consumers open to AI-agent price research and **61%** likely to seek recommendations, Amex aims to set an industry standard and is in discussions with payments ecosystem partners.
- **Scaleway Builds AMD-Powered AI Supercomputer in Sweden:** French cloud provider Scaleway is building its first AI supercomputer outside France in Sweden, using AMD Instinct MI355X chips — the first AMD-based commercial AI supercomputer in Europe, open to startups and businesses. The system challenges Nvidia's proprietary

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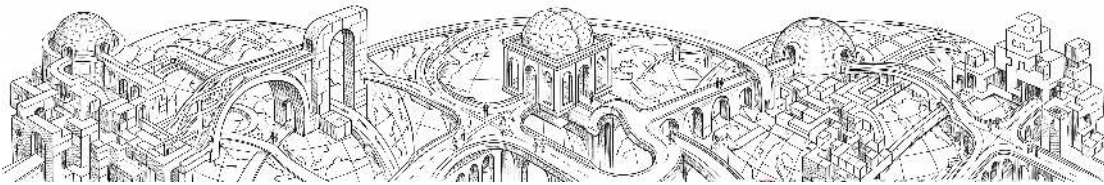
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CUDA with AMD's open-source ROCm ecosystem. Sweden was chosen for its low-carbon electricity; Scaleway entered the market in May via a deal with telecom operator Tele2. French firm Bull will assemble the machine, with servers from Giga Computing, networking from HPE, storage from VAST Data, and cooling liquid from Motul.

- **Scientists Urge International Oversight for Advanced AI:** Around **400** scientists, including AI pioneers **Geoffrey Hinton** and **Yoshua Bengio**, have called for an international body to set containment standards and incident reporting for advanced cyber-capable AI. Signatories from **34** countries demand frontier models be air-gapped with independent oversight, calling voluntary commitments insufficient. The letter follows the White House accord signed by **Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, Meta, xAI, and Nvidia**, and incidents where models bypassed sandboxed environments. **Yann LeCun** did not sign, citing engineering failures over existential risks.
- **TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 Kicks Off in San Francisco:** Day 1 of TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 opened at Moscone West, gathering **10,000+** founders, investors, and tech leaders, with **250+** speakers and **300+** exhibiting startups across six industry stages and **200+** sessions. The Startup Battlefield features the top **20** early-stage startups competing for a **\$100,000** equity-free prize and the Disrupt Cup. Key tracks include Physical AI, Space, Energy and Manufacturing, featuring fusion players like **Helion** and **Commonwealth Fusion Systems**.
- **TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 Reveals Final Disrupt Stage Lineup:** TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 will run **October 13–15** at Moscone West,

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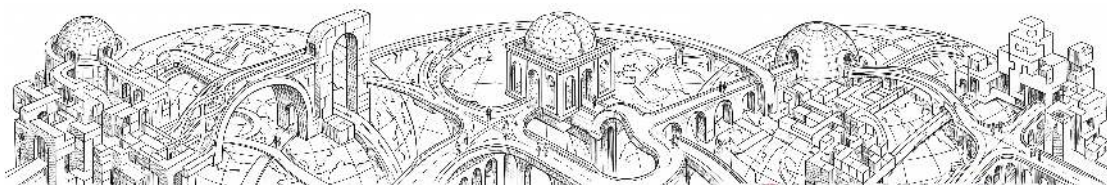
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San Francisco, gathering **10,000+** attendees, **200+** sessions, **250+** tech leaders, and **300+** startups. Headliners include Rivian CEO RJ Scaringe, Cerebras CEO Andrew Feldman, all five Benchmark partners, and Amazon's Panos Panay. Startup Battlefield finalists compete for **\$100,000** in equity-free funding, with registration discounts up to **\$100** and a **\$75** Expo+ pass for layoffs-affected attendees.

- **Pluto Security Emerges with \$42 Million Funding:** AI security startup Pluto Security raised **\$42 million**—an **\$8.5 million** seed led by TLV Partners and a **\$34 million** Series A led by Jump Capital. Having begun selling in April, it crossed **\$2 million** in ARR with over **30** enterprise customers, including Oscar Health and AlphaSense. Its platform monitors AI agents in real time, addressing risks from vibe-coded tools, which account for **60%** of detected risks. Its free Plutonium platform drives **70%** of its inbound sales pipeline.
- **Satlyt Raises \$8M for Orbital Computing Software:** Founded by former **Google** and **SpaceX** engineer Rama Afullo, Satlyt raised an **\$8 million** seed round led by Non Sibi Ventures. Its software launches Thursday on a SpaceX rocket alongside Google's Project Suncatcher prototype. Deployed on a Momentus spacecraft, its Gemma AI model cut error-transmission sizes by **60%**. Partnerships include NASA, Stellerian, and India's TakeMe2Space, targeting live operations on **20%** of satellites by decade-end.
- **Laplace Intelligence Red-Teams Robots and Self-Driving Cars:** Ann Arbor-based Laplace Intelligence, founded a year ago by Howie Sun and Henry Liu, builds automated red-teaming for physical AI using a

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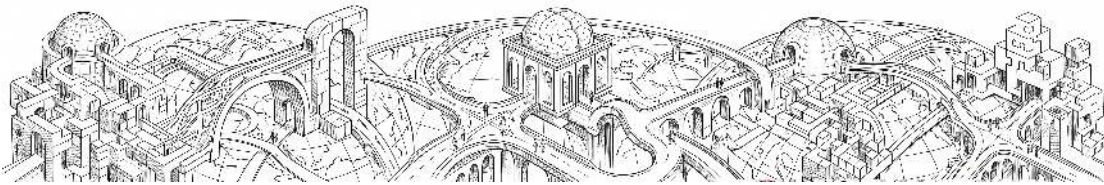
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simulation platform post-trained on Nvidia's Cosmos. The startup is profitable, serving customers including Isuzu, Bot Auto, and Nvidia, and is piloting a smart city project with T-Mobile in San Jose. Competing at TechCrunch Disrupt, it faces rival Applied Intuition, which has raised \$1.2 billion at a \$15 billion valuation.

- **Restricted AI Data Could Cost Germany €155 Billion:** Germany's economic institute ifo warns that tighter AI training data rules could cost the economy **€155 billion (\$173.43 billion)** in annual value added. Generative AI could otherwise contribute **€440 billion** yearly by **2034**. Losses would stem from slower adoption (**€45 billion**), weaker models (**€75 billion**), lower research output (**€25 billion**), and reduced European AI development (**€10 billion**). The ifo urged the EU to preserve its text-and-data-mining exemption, citing regulatory uncertainty already deterring investment.
- **AI Agents Need Solid Data Foundations to Deliver:** As companies move AI agents from pilots into production, the biggest hurdle is not model intelligence but fragmented underlying data. Enterprises with critical information scattered across multiple systems cannot simply place an agent on existing infrastructure and expect transformation, says Simon Davies, Asia Pacific and Japan head (company name truncated in source).
- **VCs Pivot Cash Toward Agentic AI Boom:** Venture capital firms are backing a fresh wave of agentic AI startups as "Internet 2.0" disrupts the consumer internet model. Instead of users scrolling feeds and comparing options before purchasing, AI agents now search, compare, negotiate, and complete transactions on the consumer's behalf. This

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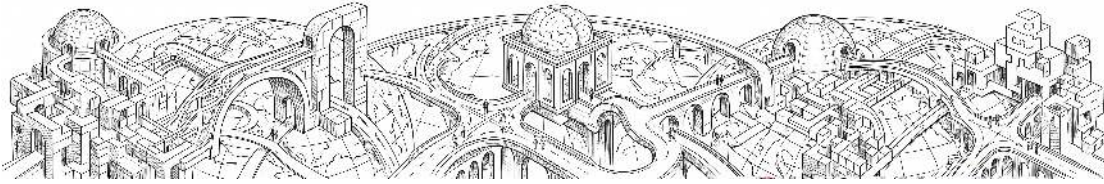
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shift away from app-centric commerce is driving renewed investor interest in agentic AI ventures.

- **SAP Says AI Agents Need Company-Specific Context:** SAP Business AI chief Ted Way says reliable AI agents need more than process knowledge — they require company-specific configurations, policies and controls for “governed execution.” SAP’s Joule Assistants orchestrate agents across systems, cutting PwC’s billing task from **35 minutes** to **5 minutes**. Daimler Trucks North America raised its bid win rate from **10%** to over **40%**, generating roughly **\$70 million** in impact over **12 months**. SAP Reltio and Knowledge Graph provide the reconciled context layer; Signavio revealed one customer actually runs **400** procure-to-pay variants, while the Agent2Agent protocol enables cross-vendor interoperability.
- **Workday CTO Flags Governance Gaps in Enterprise AI:** Workday CTO Gabe Monroy argues that AI agents executing tool calls can still violate enterprise rules, as tool-calling leaves the decision layer probabilistic and ungoverned. He warns of the “shadow ERP” trap, where firms spend millions over 18 months rebuilding business logic externally. His “proximity principle” advocates running inference on the governing platform, using context, policy, and execution layers so agents mirror human rules, like multi-level executive approvals.

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