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Evidence labels used throughout: peer-reviewed · preprint · preliminary demonstration · marketing claim / company-reported · independently reproduced. TRL scale: theoretical · simulation-stage · lab prototype · validated prototype · pilot deployment · commercial. Forecasts are labelled FORECAST.

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## A. Global Executive Research Summary — reporting window: 20 October 2026, 02:45 IST to 21 October 2026, 02:45 IST

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This edition was dominated by **hardware-software co-design for accelerator portability**, coinciding with PyTorch Conference North America:

- AWS released **TorchNeuron**, an open-source public beta that makes Trainium a native PyTorch device.
- IBM Research presented **Torch-Spyre**, built on the same PrivateUse1 extension route.
- AMD and Intel agreed to unify x86 CPU optimisation for PyTorch in **oneDNN** and to co-develop **AI Compute Extensions (ACE)**, a matrix-multiplication ISA extension.
- The **llm-d 1.0** open inference platform reached production status with agent-aware scheduling.

In science, a Google DeepMind preprint reported **Lean-verified accelerations for 11 previously unanalysed BB(6) Busy Beaver machines**. Other developments:

- Microsoft opened **BioEmu-2** (biomolecular ensembles).
- NVIDIA released **Cosmos3-H-Dreams**, a real-time generative surgical simulator.
- Meta disclosed detailed **Prometheus** supercluster reliability data.
- OpenAI reported large **low-resource-language coding** gains.
- Mistral launched **Voxtral 3**.
- The Anthropic-blog **GRAFT** preprint proposed localising reward hacking in an ablatable adapter.

Most claims are company-reported. Only one item is formally verifiable (the Lean proofs), and none had been independently reproduced at the time of writing.

## B. AI Hardware Research Report (company by company)

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Each entry carries its list number (01–50) and can be read on its own. Companies with a significant new development receive the detailed treatment (Part IV of the master prompt); the others show their latest verified R&D update with date and source.

### 01. NVIDIA [HARDWARE · co-design]

**1. Company and research division.** NVIDIA Research / NVIDIA Healthcare & Robotics (Cosmos world-foundation-model team); clinical data from the CMR Surgical Versius platform.

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 20 October 2026 (Hugging Face blog, 'Published October 20, 2026'). Related item: NVIDIA newsroom, 19 October 2026: record 104-qubit fault-tolerant quantum-computing simulation on JUPITER (Jülich); exact release time not confirmed, treated as context.

**3. Research title and field.** Cosmos3-H-Dreams: Bringing Clinical Surgery to Life Through Generative Simulation. Field: world foundation models, action-conditioned video generation, surgical robotics simulation.

**4. Research background.** Surgical-robotics training and policy learning rely on numerical simulators that model geometry, contact and tissue mechanics explicitly. These are hard to make photorealistic for in-body scenes, where smoke, specular reflections and occlusion are common. The earlier Cosmos-H-Dreams, built on Cosmos-Predict2.5, learned visual dynamics for dVRK tabletop suturing. This release moves to clinical cholecystectomy.

**5. Scientific innovation.** Interactive generative simulation of clinical laparoscopic surgery. The model learns visual dynamics directly from synchronised clinical video and robot kinematics, conditioned on live instrument actions. NVIDIA states that, to its knowledge, this is the first real-time generative surgical simulator trained on clinical cholecystectomy recordings that supports live kinematic control.

**6. Methodology.** The base model is Cosmos3-H-Embodied-Nano, a 16-billion-parameter model pre-trained on Open-H-Embodiment. A bidirectional teacher is specialised on curated cholecystectomy video and kinematics with two engaged instruments (a left Cadiere grasper and a right monopolar hook). The action space has 28 dimensions: pose and gripper for both arms, energy controls, thumbstick axes and buttons. Training uses 832×480 video with actions aligned at 10 Hz. The teacher horizon is extended from 24 to 72 frames (2.4 s to 7.2 s). It is distilled into a causal student through causal teacher forcing and then Self-Forcing, using a learned critic. There are two checkpoints: a 4-step student and a separately trained 2-step student. Streaming inference uses FlashDreams with an adapted FadeMem module that consolidates the KV cache. Evaluation is qualitative: rollouts follow VR-headset-recorded instrument trajectories not seen in training.

**7. Results.** Runs interactively on a single NVIDIA RTX PRO 6000 GPU. No quantitative metrics were published: no FVD/PSNR, no action-following error, no latency in milliseconds and no surgeon ratings. The trade-off between 2-step and 4-step generation (speed against visual quality) is described only qualitatively.

**8. Scientific significance.** This is a credible step towards using learned world models as interactive surgical simulators. It shows that distillation plus streaming-cache management can bring a 16B-parameter world model to real-time control on one workstation GPU. That is a hardware-software co-design result: model distillation is matched to a single-GPU inference budget.

**9. Technical limitations.** It is a research simulator, explicitly 'not a validated system for patient care'. Visual realism is not biomechanical fidelity. It covers only one procedure (cholecystectomy) and

two instruments, with restricted camera commands. Errors accumulate over long rollouts. Without quantitative benchmarks the claims cannot be compared or reproduced.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Lab prototype (open research release of code and checkpoints). Evidence type: preliminary demonstration (company technical blog). Not peer-reviewed and not independently reproduced.

**11. Competitive comparison.** Comparable evidence is scarce. Earlier surgical world models (including NVIDIA's own Cosmos-H-Dreams on dVRK) addressed tabletop tasks. Classical simulators such as SOFA-based platforms model mechanics explicitly but with lower visual realism. No head-to-head benchmark is available.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): hybrid generative-numerical surgical simulators that constrain deformation with explicit mechanics; surgeon-rated benchmarks; closed-loop training of autonomous sub-task policies (e.g. retraction) inside world models; extension to more procedures and instruments; regulatory interest in simulation-based validation evidence.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://huggingface.co/blog/nvidia/cosmos3-h-dreams>
- <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/nvidia-runs-record-simulation-of-fault-tolerant-quantum-computing-at-julich-supercomputing-centre>

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## 04. Amazon (AWS) [HARDWARE · co-design]

**1. Company and research division.** AWS Annapurna Labs / AWS Neuron team, with the PyTorch Foundation and Meta PyTorch team (extension points).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 20 October 2026: PyTorch blog last updated 2026-10-20. The open-source public beta went live on 20 October at PyTorch Conference North America.

**3. Research title and field.** TorchNeuron: Native PyTorch backend for AWS Trainium. Field: accelerator software stacks, compilers, hardware-software co-design.

**4. Research background.** Custom AI accelerators often fail to gain adoption because model code, libraries and tooling assume CUDA. PyTorch has added accelerator-agnostic extension points (PrivateUse1, torch.accelerator) so that out-of-tree hardware can appear as a first-class device.

**5. Scientific innovation.** Trainium is registered as a native 'neuron' PyTorch device. It supports eager mode, a new experimental adaptive eager mode, torch.compile (TorchDynamo → FX → AOTAutograd → Torch-MLIR → StableHLO → Neuron compiler → NEFF), NKI custom kernels, distributed APIs and native streams and events. Profiling is integrated with torch.profiler and Neuron Explorer, with Parquet output that agents can consume.

**6. Methodology.** Testing used:

- a 'blind sweep' of about 100k Hugging Face models (said to cover 99.9% of real-world usage by downloads) on reduced configurations, checking load, forward/backward, compile and CPU fallback, as of September 2026
- the PyTorch upstream test suites (ATen, Dynamo, distributed, profiler), run in August 2026

The example workload was Llama 3 8B trained with TorchTitan on 8×trn2.48xlarge (TP + HSDP). Hardware: Trainium2 and Trainium3. Data types: BF16, FP32, FP16; FP8 and TorchAO are in private beta.

**7. Results.** Upstream tests produced about 154K outcomes, of which about 69K were skipped: about 30K by PyTorch's own eligibility checks and about 39K deliberate Neuron skips, including about 22K for operators without a native lowering. Per-model sweep pass rates were shown only graphically. Customer claim: Deepgram reports about 60% more input audio seconds processed per dollar than its GPU baselines on its own benchmarks. The vendor's 'Getting started' code requires a one-line device change.

**8. Scientific significance.** This is a significant portability milestone. It reduces the switching cost that has protected the CUDA ecosystem and gives Hugging Face Transformers v5, Diffusers and TRL a native non-NVIDIA training and inference path.

**9. Technical limitations.** The release is a public beta. Not supported: dynamic or symbolic shapes, sparse tensors, NestedTensor, forward-mode AD, arbitrary attention masks and some upsampling modes. Non-default streams multiplex onto a single hardware queue. Performance parity with hand-tuned NeuronX stacks is not quantified.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Pilot deployment (open-source public beta on commercial hardware, with named customers). Evidence type: vendor technical blog; customer figures are marketing claims; not independently reproduced.

**11. Competitive comparison.** It follows the same pattern as IBM Torch-Spyre (PrivateUse1 + Inductor) and other out-of-tree backends. Google TPU uses PyTorch/XLA and AMD uses ROCm in-tree. No comparable cross-vendor benchmark was published.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): device-agnostic PyTorch becoming the default for training custom silicon; FP8 general availability in the next release; closure of the operator gaps; faster adoption of Trainium for open-model fine-tuning; pressure on other accelerator vendors to ship PrivateUse1 backends.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://pytorch.org/blog/introducing-torchneuron-native-pytorch-backend-for-aws-trainium/>
- <https://github.com/aws-neuron/torch-neuronx>
- <https://awsdocs-neuron.readthedocs-hosted.com/>

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## 08. AMD [HARDWARE · co-design]

**1. Company and research division.** AMD Architecture & Strategy / software (ZenDNN team), jointly with Intel; within the x86 Ecosystem Advisory Group.

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 20 October 2026 (AMD Newsroom, 'Published October 20, 2026'). Also on 20 October: AMD quoted in the Ilm-d 1.0 release (AMD Instinct support).

**3. Research title and field.** AMD and Intel collaborate to simplify AI development on x86 CPUs with PyTorch: oneDNN unification and AI Compute Extensions (ACE). Field: CPU AI software stacks, ISA co-design.

**4. Research background.** AMD (ZenDNN) and Intel (oneDNN) have maintained separate CPU-optimisation paths for PyTorch, fragmenting the x86 software ecosystem.

**5. Scientific innovation.** (1) A single default x86 acceleration library for PyTorch (oneDNN, governed by UXL), with AMD integrating ZenDNN optimisations and joining UXL as a steering member. (2) Joint development of ACE, a next-generation x86 ISA extension for matrix multiplication, to be exposed via oneDNN.

**6. Methodology.** Not disclosed: no benchmarks, no ACE specification and no timeline.

**7. Results.** No quantitative results were published.

**8. Scientific significance.** ISA-level cooperation between the two x86 vendors on AI matrix instructions has potentially long-term significance. Compilers and libraries could target one matrix ISA rather than vendor-specific ones (such as AMX and AVX-512 variants).

**9. Technical limitations.** This is an announcement of intent. Integration effort, performance parity on AMD hardware within oneDNN, and governance details are unknown.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** oneDNN as default: commercial (oneDNN is a shipping library). ZenDNN integration: in development (stage not disclosed). ACE: theoretical/specification stage. Evidence type: corporate announcement.

**11. Competitive comparison.** Arm's SME/SME2 matrix extensions and RISC-V matrix proposals are the comparable efforts. No comparative data is available.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): a published ACE specification, compiler support in LLVM/GCC, oneDNN kernels for ACE, and ACE-capable CPUs, possibly from 2027-2028 (speculative).

**13. Original references.**

- <https://newsroom.amd.com/news/amd-intel-collaborate-simplify-ai-development-on-x86-cpus-pytorch/>

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## 09. Huawei [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-15/16. Huawei Ascend was among four Chinese accelerator vendors that announced day-0 support for StepFun's Step 5 Preview model (15-16 October 2026, secondary source). On 5 October 2026, Huawei and Qualcomm announced a multi-year cross-licence covering 5G, compute, AI and networking. An unconfirmed DIGITIMES report (20 October) of DeepSeek co-designing future Ascend chips is not counted as verified. Evidence: secondary report / corporate announcement. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://kubuds.io/en/flags/daily/2026/1016.html>; <https://www.huawei.com/en/news/2026/10/qualcomm-broad-patent-agreement>

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## 10. Tesla (with SpaceX / xAI) [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-02. TrendForce (2 October 2026) reported Elon Musk's statement that AI5 memory was cut to 72 GB LPDDR5 and AI6 to 144 GB LPDDR6 to secure volume for Optimus amid DRAM shortages. Later reports of a 96 GB figure conflict and are unconfirmed. xAI models Grok 4.6/4.7 were added to OCI Enterprise AI on 9 October 2026. Evidence: secondary report of executive statement. TRL: validated prototype. Source(s): <https://www.trendforce.com/news/2026/10/02/news-tesla-halves-ai5-ai-chips-lpddr5-to-72gb-cuts-ai6-lpddr6-by-one-third-as-memory-supply-tightens/>; <https://blogs.oracle.com/ai-and-datascience/whats-new-in-oracle-ai-october-2026>

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## 12. TSMC [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-14. ASML's Q3 2026 presentation (14 October 2026) described a TSMC initiative for 12-inch High-NA EUV photomasks, targeting a pilot line by 2031 and advanced-node production by 2033. Secondary coverage reports that 3 nm reached 33% of TSMC's 3Q26 wafer revenue. Press reports that NVIDIA's NVHBM base dies will move to TSMC 3 nm are unconfirmed by TSMC or NVIDIA. Evidence: corporate disclosure. TRL: theoretical (roadmap). Source(s): [https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/937966/000162828026065813/a2026\\_10x14xpresentation.htm](https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/937966/000162828026065813/a2026_10x14xpresentation.htm)

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## 13. Broadcom [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (OCP Global Summit, mid-October). At the OCP Global Summit in October 2026, Broadcom presented Tomahawk 6, Tomahawk Ultra (shipping; 51.2 Tbps, under 250 ns latency), Jericho 4, Thor Ultra 800G and Thor 2 NICs, and third-generation TH6-Davisson co-packaged optics for scale-up and scale-out AI fabrics. Evidence: corporate announcement. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://investors.broadcom.com/news-releases/news-release-details/broadcom-redefines-ai-infrastructure-industry-leading-networking>; <https://www.broadcom.com/company/news/articles/ai-infrastructure/the-future-of-ai-infrastructure-why-ethernet-and-optical-connectivity-are-redefining-scale-up-networks>

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## 14. Samsung [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (day not re-verified). Samsung expanded Galaxy AI and Bixby language support in October 2026. Korean press reports (18–20 October) that Samsung will fabricate NVIDIA NVHBM/HBM4E base dies on TSMC 3 nm remain unconfirmed by the companies and are excluded from verified facts. Evidence: corporate announcement. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://news.samsung.com/global/samsung-expands-language-support-across-ai-experiences-on-galaxy>

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## 18. Intel [HARDWARE · co-design]

**1. Company and research division.** Intel Data Center Strategic Programs / oneDNN team, jointly with AMD.

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 20 October 2026 (joint announcement published on the AMD Newsroom). Earlier context: Intel GPU D-Series (formerly Crescent Island), announced 12 October 2026 at the OCP Global Summit.

**3. Research title and field.** oneDNN as the common x86 PyTorch acceleration path; AI Compute Extensions (ACE) x86 ISA. Field: CPU AI acceleration, ISA and software co-design.

**4. Research background.** oneDNN originated at Intel and is now governed by the UXL Foundation. Vendor-specific CPU paths fragment PyTorch performance engineering.

**5. Scientific innovation.** Same as entry 08, from Intel's perspective. oneDNN becomes the convergence point and the vehicle for ACE; Jeff McVeigh describes it as 'a way to bring future capabilities, including AI Compute Extensions, into the framework'.

**6. Methodology.** Not disclosed.

**7. Results.** No quantitative results were published. Context (12 October), as Intel-reported specifications: D-Series is a PCIe 5.0, air-cooled, Xe3P-based card with up to 480 GB LPDDR5X, 1.5 TB/s, 1.3 PFLOPS FP8 and 350 W; the D270 has 32 Xe3P cores and 256 XMX engines; sampling has begun.

**8. Scientific significance.** See entry 08. For Intel, it also secures oneDNN's position as the de facto x86 AI library.

**9. Technical limitations.** As for entry 08: no specification, data or timeline.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** oneDNN: commercial. ACE: theoretical/specification stage. Evidence type: corporate announcement.

**11. Competitive comparison.** See entry 08. Arm SME2 is the main comparable.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): ACE specification publication and CPU implementations; oneDNN kernels for ACE; reduced need for AMX- or AVX-specific code paths.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://newsroom.amd.com/news/amd-intel-collaborate-simplify-ai-development-on-x86-cpus-pytorch/>
- <https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/products/details/discrete-gpus/data-center-gpu/d-series.html>

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## 19. Qualcomm [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-05. On 5 October 2026, Qualcomm and Huawei announced a multi-year cross-licence that includes Qualcomm's purchase of certain Huawei US patents in compute, AI and networking, subject to regulatory approval. This is an IP transaction, not an R&D result. Evidence: corporate announcement. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.huawei.com/en/news/2026/10/qualcomm-broad-patent-agreement>

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## 20. IBM [HARDWARE · co-design]

**1. Company and research division.** IBM Research (AI native systems; Spyre accelerator software) and IBM/Red Hat as Ilm-d co-founders. Torch-Spyre authors: D. Grove, A. Viros i Martin, A. Blanchard. Related IBM Research talks: MAKCI (S. Jain, R. Raj) and model-derived operator tests (K. Ishizaki et al.).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 20 October 2026: IBM Newsroom (Ilm-d 1.0) and IBM Research publication pages for PyTorch Conference 2026.

**3. Research title and field.** (a) Ilm-d 1.0, an open distributed LLM inference platform (CNCF). (b) Torch-Spyre, a PyTorch PrivateUse1 + Inductor backend for the IBM Spyre accelerator. Field: inference systems, accelerator software.

**4. Research background.** Agentic workloads are context-heavy and bursty. Managing the KV cache often costs more than generating the output. Out-of-tree accelerators need deep PyTorch integration to run the model ecosystem.

**5. Scientific innovation.** (a) Production-hardened distributed inference. Features: multi-tenant QoS (priority- and fairness-aware flow control), zero-downtime operation (router HA, coordinated prefill/decode rollouts), a v1 configuration API, and agent-aware serving (session-aware routing, turn-priority scheduling, native Responses-API state). It runs on vLLM and SGLang. (b) Spyre is a dataflow accelerator with 32 AI cores, on-chip interconnect and compiler-managed scratchpad. Torch-Spyre adds device-specific tensor layouts and scratchpad-optimised tiling integrated with upstream PyTorch. MAKCI provides analytical kernel cost models for Triton on Spyre without hardware profiling.

**6. Methodology.** (a) Demonstrations cited in the release: GLM 5.2 (about 753B parameters, open-weight MoE) on 'widely deployed NVIDIA GPUs' with hundreds of parallel agentic sessions; an IBM Research quantum-error-correction exploration workload. (b) Conference talk abstract; the operator-test framework covers 116 operators from 8 models.

**7. Results.** (a) Peak output above 6.6 million tokens per minute; up to 3,000 concurrent coding agents with zero preemptions; an estimated cost 5–10× lower per token than equivalent commercial API pricing at current cloud rental rates; 11.5× lower inference cost than an all-proprietary configuration, about 98% prefix-cache hit rate and about \$0.11 per million tokens blended (IBM Research use case). The project has more than 500 contributors from more than 25 organisations. (b)

Spyre 'can now run thousands of models from Hugging Face and vLLM'; no performance numbers in the abstract.

**8. Scientific significance.** This marks the maturation of open, Kubernetes-native inference infrastructure tuned for agents, a direct response to the shift in infrastructure demand from training to inference.

**9. Technical limitations.** The performance figures are contributor demonstrations with methodology in linked blogs that were not reviewed here, and the cost comparisons depend on rental-price assumptions. Torch-Spyre performance has not been disclosed.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** llm-d 1.0: commercial (production-adopted open source; JetBrains, DigitalOcean and Roblox cited). Torch-Spyre: validated prototype / pilot (conference presentation). Evidence type: press release and conference abstracts (preliminary or marketing claims).

**11. Competitive comparison.** Comparable stacks are NVIDIA Dynamo (cited as complementary), SGLang and vLLM routers, and proprietary hyperscaler serving systems. No neutral benchmark is available.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): llm-d becoming a CNCF-standard inference layer across GPU, TPU and Instinct fleets; agent-session-aware scheduling as a default; Vera Rubin support (cited by NVIDIA).

**13. Original references.**

- <https://newsroom.ibm.com/2026-10-20-llm-d-1-0-advances-open,-cost-efficient-ai-inference-for-production-scale>
- <https://research.ibm.com/publications/integrating-the-ibm-spyre-accelerator>
- <https://research.ibm.com/publications/makci-a-multi-abstraction-ai-kernel-cost-instrumentor-for-performance-modeling-in-ai-compilers>
- <https://research.ibm.com/publications/real-shapes-real-bugs-model-derived-operator-tests-for-quick-out-of-tree-accelerator-bring-up>

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## 22. SK hynix [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-06-18. SK hynix began shipping 12-layer HBM4E samples on 18 June 2026: 16 Gbps per pin, 48 GB, more than 20% better power efficiency, and Advanced MR-MUF improving heat resistance by 17%. Reports of an Intel base-die evaluation (October) are unconfirmed. Evidence: corporate press release. TRL: validated prototype. Source(s): <https://news.skhynix.com/en/sk-hynix-ships-samples-of-12-layer-next-gen-hbm4e-2/>

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## 25. Arm [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (OCP Global Summit). In October 2026, Arm published an agentic-workload CPU benchmarking methodology for its 'AGI CPU' and OCP Global Summit material on rack-scale agentic infrastructure. Evidence: corporate blog. TRL: pilot deployment. Source(s): <https://newsroom.arm.com/news/arm-agi-cpu-agentic-benchmarks>; <https://newsroom.arm.com/blog/key-takeaways-from-ocp-global-summit-2026>

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## 31. ASML [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-14. ASML's Q3 2026 investor presentation (14 October 2026, SEC filing) announced a TSMC initiative for 12-inch High-NA EUV photomasks, with a pilot line

targeted by 2031. Evidence: corporate filing. TRL: theoretical (roadmap). Source(s): [https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/937966/000162828026065813/a2026\\_10x14xpresentation.htm](https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/937966/000162828026065813/a2026_10x14xpresentation.htm)

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## 32. Micron [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-02. A secondary report says that on 2 October 2026 Micron outlined custom HBM4E with base dies made at TSMC, targeting volume production in 2027. The primary release was not re-verified. Evidence: secondary report. TRL: validated prototype. Source(s): <https://eastasiabrief.com/semiconductors/micron-taps-tsmc-custom-hbm4e-memory-taking-sk-hynix-495>

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## 35. Cisco [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (OCP Global Summit). In October 2026, Cisco and NVIDIA introduced a new pluggable optics form factor (USFP) supporting 400 Gb/s-per-lane AI fabrics, and Cisco presented open AI-infrastructure work at OCP 2026. Evidence: corporate announcement. TRL: validated prototype. Source(s): <https://newsroom.cisco.com/c/r/newsroom/en/us/a/y2026/m10/nvidia-and-cisco-new-pluggable-optics-to-scale-ai-factories.html>; <https://newsroom.cisco.com/c/r/newsroom/en/us/a/y2026/m10/cisco-advances-scalability-and-openness-at-ocp-2026.html>

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## 36. Dell [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026 (date not re-verified). Dell reports being first to ship systems built on NVIDIA's Vera Rubin platform, delivered to CoreWeave. The exact date was not re-verified for this edition. Evidence: corporate blog. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.dell.com/en-us/blog/dell-first-to-ship-systems-built-on-nvidia-vera-rubin-platform-to-coreweave/>

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## 37. CoreWeave [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-08. CoreWeave launched Forge, an AI development platform spanning training, inference, evaluation and agent development (8 October 2026, SiliconANGLE). On 20 October 2026, CoreWeave was quoted as a founding contributor in the llm-d 1.0 release (see entry 20), which is not a CoreWeave-originated development. Evidence: secondary report of launch. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://siliconangle.com/2026/10/08/ai-inference-gets-full-stack-coreweave-launches-forge-fullyconnected/>; <https://newsroom.ibm.com/2026-10-20-llm-d-1-0-advances-open,-cost-efficient-ai-inference-for-production-scale>

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## 38. Cerebras [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: n/a. No dated primary Cerebras R&D item was re-verified for this edition. Coverage on 20 October 2026 was financial: an analyst cut Cerebras' price target. Evidence: n/a. TRL: n/a. Source(s): <https://thecryptobasic.com/2026/10/20/cerebras-stock-slides-as-tlcowen-cuts-target-below-ipo-price/>

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## 42. Tata Group [HARDWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026 (date not re-verified). A Press Information Bureau release describes Tata Electronics' Dholera fab: 110–28 nm nodes, 50,000 wafer starts per month and commercial operation expected no earlier than 2028. Tata's data-centre business signed OpenAI as a

customer in February 2026. Evidence: government press release. TRL: pilot deployment (construction). Source(s): <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2245069&lang=2&reg=48>; <https://www.reuters.com/business/media-telecom/tatas-data-centre-business-signs-up-openai-customer-2026-02-19/>

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## C. AI Software Research Report (company by company)

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### 02. Alphabet (Google / Google DeepMind) [SOFTWARE · software]

**1. Company and research division.** Google DeepMind (with University of Cambridge affiliation for the lead author); secondary item: Google Research Coral NPU (edge hardware IP) in Synaptics Astra SR200.

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** arXiv:2610.22603. v1 submitted 15 October 2026 and announced 19 October; v2 dated 20 October 2026. The submission dates come from an arXiv mirror/ listing; the abstract page itself showed no date. Coral NPU/SR200: Synaptics press release, 20 October 2026.

**3. Research title and field.** 'At the Limits of Computability: Steps Towards Autonomous AI Discovery on the Busy Beaver Frontier'. Field: AI for mathematics, automated conjecturing, formal verification (Lean 4).

**4. Research background.** BB(n) is the maximum number of steps a halting n-state, 2-symbol Turing machine can run from a blank tape. It is uncomputable and grows faster than any computable function. The community determined  $BB(5) = 47,176,870$  without AI (STOC 2026). BB(6) still has about 1,094 'holdout' machines whose halting status is unknown. Some of them, called Cryptids, reduce to open Collatz-like problems.

**5. Scientific innovation.** An autonomous pipeline that discovers structure rather than solving a human-posed problem. It treats Turing machines as grey boxes, conjectures compact macro-transition rules from simulation data, and proves the rules in Lean 4 using a multi-persona agent (Problem Setter, Planner, Writer, Critic). The agent may revise the formal statements it was seeded with, but not the machine definition or the start configuration.

**6. Methodology.** Every stage uses Gemini 3.1 Pro; a second stage used an auto-research system with Gemini 3.8 Flash. The process runs as follows:

- Pattern detection: each machine is simulated for  $S = 5 \times 10^6$  steps; tapes are compressed into run-length blocks with a simplicity score, and the top  $K = 100$  patterns are kept.
- Conjecturing: Python transition functions are written and refined over up to  $N = 5$  turns, using an interactive simulator capped at 128,000 steps per synthetic transition.
- Filtering: only conjectures with 100% empirical accuracy pass.
- Informal proving: a generator-evaluator loop with up to  $M = 4$  iterations scores correctness and format.
- Formal proving: Lean 4.28.1 with BusyLean, a 72-hour cap, and acceptance only with no sorry and no unauthorised axioms.

The search covered 1,094 BB(6) holdouts, 65 BB(2,5) holdouts and 4 BB(3,3) holdouts. The authors manually validated the final Lean statements.

**7. Results.** 52 candidate machines were found (50 in BB(6)). Formally verified Collatz-like accelerations were obtained for 11 BB(6) machines with no prior documented analysis; the authors provisionally classify these as 'Cryptids'. Formal proofs or higher-level accelerations were also obtained for 15 previously studied machines (14 BB(6) and 1 BB(2,5)). Lean proofs and code are public ([github.com/google-deepmind/cryptids](https://github.com/google-deepmind/cryptids)).

**8. Scientific significance.** This is one of the cleaner demonstrations of AI-driven mathematical discovery with machine-checked guarantees. Results can be checked independently by compiling the Lean code, which reduces reliance on trust in the model.

**9. Technical limitations.** The work is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed. Cryptid status is 'subject to community acceptance', and the paper's definition is broader than the community's. The approach targets only Collatz-like dynamics and does not resolve halting. Some rediscoveries were proved but not checked by hand. Compute cost is not reported.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Method: lab prototype. Evidence: preprint, with formally verified (machine-checked) outputs. Not yet independently reproduced by the bbchallenge community.

**11. Competitive comparison.** Comparable work: AlphaEvolve (search over code with a reward signal), LEAP and AI Co-Mathematician (assistive), and community use of Claude Opus 4.6 for FRACTRAN BB\_f non-halting proofs (cited by the authors). This work is distinctive for combining autonomous conjecturing with end-to-end Lean verification.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): extension beyond Collatz-like dynamics; community adjudication of the 11 machines; similar 'observe-conjecture-formalise' pipelines applied to combinatorics and dynamical systems; Lean-verified AI contributions becoming routine in open-problem catalogues.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2610.22603>
  - <https://github.com/google-deepmind/cryptids>
  - <https://investor.synaptics.com/news-releases/news-release-details/synaptics-launches-xmcutm-era-astrar-sr200-series-multimodal>
  - <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-026-04626-w>
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## 03. Microsoft [SOFTWARE · software]

**1. Company and research division.** Microsoft Research AI for Science (BioEmu team led by Frank Noé); secondary item: Microsoft Security (Guardian Agents).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** BioEmu-2 public preview announced 20 October 2026, according to a secondary aggregator citing the team announcement. The model card says 'Release date: October 2026'. Guardian Agents: Microsoft Security blog, 19 October 2026 (context).

**3. Research title and field.** BioEmu-2: a generative foundation model for biomolecular structure and dynamics. Field: AI for science, protein and biomolecular ensembles.

**4. Research background.** Static structure predictors (AlphaFold class) give one conformation. Function often depends on conformational ensembles, which are expensive to sample with molecular dynamics. BioEmu-1 (Science, 2025) emulated equilibrium ensembles of single protein chains, generating thousands of structures per hour on a single GPU.

**5. Scientific innovation.** All-atom generative ensembles extended to multi-chain complexes, ligands and nucleic acids, with structure prediction, equilibrium sampling and forward-in-time propagation.

**6. Methodology.** According to the model card: a diffusion-based all-atom score model of about 500M parameters. Inputs are sequence(s), an optional MSA, and contact and method conditioning. Output is an ensemble sampled by reverse diffusion. Training took place in August–September 2026; licence MIT. It requires Linux and an NVIDIA GPU, and context-parallel sampling needs 4 or more GPUs. Training data and benchmarks for v2 were not described in the sources reviewed.

**7. Results.** No v2 quantitative results were identified in primary sources at the time of writing. The baseline from BioEmu-1 (peer-reviewed, Science, July 2025) is relative free energies with about 1 kcal/mol accuracy versus millisecond-scale MD and experimental data. That figure applies to v1 only.

**8. Scientific significance.** If v2's accuracy holds for complexes and ligands, this moves ensemble emulation from single-chain proteins towards drug-target and protein-nucleic-acid systems, which matters for binding-site dynamics and cryptic pockets.

**9. Technical limitations.** Accuracy claims for v2 are not yet peer-reviewed. Generated ensembles are plausible samples, not physically guaranteed trajectories. Performance outside the training distribution (e.g. membrane proteins, large assemblies) is unknown. The hardware requirement ties it to NVIDIA GPUs.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Lab prototype / research public preview with open weights. Evidence type: preliminary (model card plus team announcement); v1 is peer-reviewed.

**11. Competitive comparison.** Comparable systems include AlphaFold-class static predictors and MD-based ensembles. No peer-reviewed v2-versus-competitor benchmark was found.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): peer-reviewed validation of v2 against MD and experimental ensembles (NMR, HDX); coupling with docking and free-energy pipelines in drug discovery; use for mechanism hypotheses in cardiovascular and oncology targets.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://huggingface.co/microsoft/bioemu2>
- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/publication/scalable-emulation-of-protein-equilibrium-ensembles-with-generative-deep-learning/>
- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/security/blog/2026/10/19/agents-are-your-newest-insiders-security-must-move-at-their-speed/>

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## 05. Meta [SOFTWARE · co-design]

**1. Company and research division.** Meta Infrastructure / Engineering at Meta, with Meta Superintelligence Labs and NVIDIA (co-engineering); separately, Meta AI research (RPL paper).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** Prometheus: Engineering at Meta, 19 October 2026 (exact publication time not confirmed). RPL: AI at Meta publication page dated 20 October 2026.

**3. Research title and field.** (a) 'Inside Prometheus: Meta's Journey to a Gigawatt-Scale Supercluster'. Field: AI training infrastructure, reliability. (b) 'Learning to Program Retrievals: Composing Search Primitives via Reinforcement Learning' (RPL). Field: retrieval-augmented agents, RL.

**4. Research background.** At frontier scale, a single fault can halt synchronous training. Goodput and mean time between interruptions (MTBI) therefore become first-order determinants of effective compute.

**5. Scientific innovation.** (a) Disclosure of fleet-scale reliability engineering for NVL72 domains: in-rack sparing, parallelism-aware fault tolerance, firmware automation and power-transient management. (b) RPL lets a policy compose search primitives into executable programs with local state. 'Program mutation' is a grammar-constrained, execution-verified way to generate improved trajectories that are distilled back into the policy.

**6. Methodology.** (a) Hardware platforms: Catalina (GB200 NVL72 'Ariel', 800G scale-out per GPU), Clemente (GB300 NVL72) and the forthcoming San Miguel (Vera Rubin NVL72). Networking: building fabrics of up to 20,736 GPUs (DSF, then NSF on 51.2T switches) and BAG aggregation over 2 km to

more than 100 km (Arista 7800 / Broadcom Jericho3). Training stack: PyTorch with FSDP, plus Tectonic and LogDevice storage. (b) Evaluation on open-domain QA and corpus-level reasoning at two model sizes (4B and 8B).

**7. Results.** (a) Goodput above 85% for pre-training and above 90% for RL (Muse Wonder). MTBI was about 47k GPU-hours during those runs and is now above 54k GPU-hours. Interruptions fell by 99% from a mid-2025 peak of about 1,000 events per 8K GPUs per day; the target is 2 events per 8K GPUs per day (about 100k GPU-hours MTBI). Sparing: a 64-of-72 slice plus about 2% spare racks means 523 racks (37,656 GPUs) for a 32,768-GPU job, about 13% overhead, of which 11% comes from slice geometry. Firmware P90 per-pod upgrade time fell from more than 7 h to 2 h. Power transients swing 30–40%. The San Miguel spec claims 2.52 EFLOPS FP4 per rack and a 10–20% performance-per-watt gain over GB300. (b) A 4B RPL model outperformed all 8B baselines on open-domain QA, according to the abstract; it also had the highest answer F1 and document-coverage F1 on corpus-level tasks, with fewer retrieval turns.

**8. Scientific significance.** This is rare quantitative disclosure of how reliability, rather than peak FLOPS, bounds frontier training, and it is highly relevant to co-design of scale-up domains. RPL shows that small models can learn retrieval strategies that beat larger fixed pipelines.

**9. Technical limitations.** (a) Company-reported figures that have not been audited. The primary page returned HTTP 403 to our fetch, so the text was verified via a verbatim mirror. (b) RPL is an arXiv preprint; the full paper was not reviewed beyond the abstract.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** (a) Commercial (operational infrastructure); evidence: company engineering disclosure. (b) Lab prototype; evidence: preprint.

**11. Competitive comparison.** Comparable published figures are few. Earlier Meta 24K and 100K-GPU cluster reports, and Llama 3 training-interruption statistics (2024), provide baselines. No other hyperscaler disclosed comparable MTBI data at the time of writing.

**12. Future research (1–5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1–5 years): reliability (MTBI) becomes a procurement metric alongside FLOPS; larger scale-up domains drive in-rack sparing as standard; Vera Rubin integration in 2027; RPL-style programmable retrieval inside agent frameworks.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://engineering.fb.com/> (Prometheus post, 19 Oct 2026; HTTP 403 to fetch; verbatim mirror <https://enggist.vercel.app/post/97ee8863-91bf-44d6-ad38-b10f9a857944>)
- <https://ai.meta.com/research/publications/learning-to-program-retrievals-composing-search-primitives-via-reinforcement-learning/>

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## 06. OpenAI [SOFTWARE · software]

**1. Company and research division.** OpenAI (research and applied teams).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 'Advancing coding in low-resource programming languages', 19 October 2026 (widely discussed on 20 October). ChatGPT release notes, 20 October 2026: GPT-6 Pro parallel agents; GPT-Live-1.1 voices.

**3. Research title and field.** Low-resource programming-language capability (COBOL, Fortran, OCaml, Visual Basic) and two new evaluations: MultiLangBench and a COBOL migration evaluation. Field: code generation, evaluation.

**4. Research background.** Legacy languages have little public training data but run critical infrastructure. OpenAI cites COBOL's role in more than 40% of online banking systems and 95% of ATM transactions.

**5. Scientific innovation.** Long-horizon evaluation of building a SQLite-compatible engine from scratch in 20 languages, using database files as a language-neutral interface, together with a behaviour-preserving migration test requiring byte-for-byte parity on hidden tests.

**6. Methodology.** MultiLangBench adapts tests from SQLite's own suite. The candidate program receives a database and a SQL query and must output the modified database, which is compared against reference SQLite. It is reported as test pass rate and API cost. The COBOL migration evaluation targets C++, Java, Kotlin, Python and Rust; success requires all hidden tests to pass.

**7. Results.** At maximum effort, GPT-6 Astra averaged 87.4% (versus 26.8% for GPT-5.6 Sol). By language: COBOL 10.9%→72.1%, OCaml 25.6%→85.8%, Fortran 21.4%→83.5%, Visual Basic 27.5%→89.4%; Astra scores above 83% in 19 of 20 languages. GPT-6 Luna reached 40.3% at an estimated \$0.77 per sample versus \$3.48 (about 78% lower). COBOL migration: GPT-6.1 Sol scored 86.6% at low effort (versus 5.4%, at 61% of the cost) and 97.9% at higher effort.

**8. Scientific significance.** Strong evidence that frontier models now generalise to low-resource languages on long-horizon tasks. The open-sourced test suite allows external replication.

**9. Technical limitations.** These are company-run evaluations of its own models. The migration evaluation is near saturation. Real legacy systems involve JCL, CICS, copybooks and undocumented business rules not captured here. OpenAI itself notes that expert review is still required.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Commercial (models available via API). Evidence type: company evaluation (marketing claim, with the benchmark released for reproduction).

**11. Competitive comparison.** No third-party MultiLangBench results for competitors were available at the time of writing. Other vendors' COBOL tools (for example IBM watsonx Code Assistant for Z) report different metrics, so the figures are not directly comparable.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): independent leaderboards on MultiLangBench; AI-assisted mainframe migration programmes in banking and government; regulators asking for behaviour-equivalence evidence.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://openai.com/index/low-resource-programming-languages>
- <https://help.openai.com/en/articles/6825453-chatgpt-release-notes>

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## 07. Apple [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (day not re-verified). Apple Machine Learning Research posted several papers in October 2026, including 'Minions', a distributed virtual GPU cloud built on idle Apple-silicon devices, and work on the design space of tri-modal masked diffusion models. The exact posting dates were not re-verified. Evidence: preprint/research publication. TRL: lab prototype. Source(s): <https://machinelearning.apple.com/research/distributed-gpu-cloud>; <https://machinelearning.apple.com/research/tri-modal-masked-diffusion>

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## 11. Anthropic [SOFTWARE · software]

**1. Company and research division.** Anthropic Alignment Science blog. Authors are from MATS (Hu, Ward, Wong, Woodworth), Stanford (N. Hu), FAR AI (A. M. Turner) and Anthropic (A. Cloud).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 19 October 2026 (blog dated 19 October; exact publication time not confirmed).

**3. Research title and field.** 'Reducing Reward Hacking by Localizing Bad Behavior Instead of Penalizing It' (GRAFT: Gradient Routing Adapter Fine-Tuning). Field: RL post-training, alignment, reward hacking.

**4. Research background.** Monitor-based reward penalties can teach policies to evade monitors. GRAFT builds on gradient routing (Cloud et al.).

**5. Scientific innovation.** The monitor is used to route gradients rather than to shape the reward. Flagged trajectories update only a FORGET adapter, which is ablated before deployment. An 'anchor environment' trains the RETAIN-only model to remain coherent.

**6. Methodology.** RETAIN and FORGET neuron sets are added to each MLP. On flagged samples, gradients are masked to FORGET and amplified by a constant factor. Main experiment: Qwen3-8B in the Countdown-Code RLVR environment (Khalifa et al.), where all prompts admit 3 hack types and the monitor detects only type 1. Also: six toy environments with SmoLLM2-135M, and SFT of Qwen3-32B on Terminal Wrench data.

**7. Results.** No intervention: the model learns hack 1 on the majority of trajectories. Penalty: hack 2 (undetected) appears on about 30% of trajectories. GRAFT before ablation: type-1 hacks on up to 35% of trajectories. After ablation: hacking of all types is nearly zero, and the clean-environment solve rate is nearly 20 percentage points above the base model. Qwen3-32B SFT: the reward-hacking rate fell significantly below the starting model's, without a strong task gain. Error bars are SEM over seeds.

**8. Scientific significance.** It offers a mechanism for getting value from weak monitors without training models to evade them, which is relevant to scalable oversight.

**9. Technical limitations.** The authors call the work preliminary. Monitors were heuristic rather than LLM-based. RL experiments are single-turn and use models of at most 8B parameters. The method needs a structurally similar anchor environment. When only half of the prompts were hackable, inoculation prompting performed as well as GRAFT.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Lab prototype. Evidence type: preprint (paper plus code, linked from the blog). Not peer-reviewed.

**11. Competitive comparison.** Compared with reward penalties, inoculation prompting and no intervention within the paper. No external replication yet.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): tests with LLM judges and multi-turn agentic RL; integration into frontier post-training; combination with interpretability-based monitors.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://alignment.anthropic.com/2026/graft/>

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## 15. Oracle [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-09. Oracle's October 2026 AI update (9 October) added xAI Grok 4.6 and 4.7 to OCI, together with a Smart Model Router and Model Discovery. No research publication was identified. Evidence: corporate blog. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://blogs.oracle.com/ai-and-datascience/whats-new-in-oracle-ai-october-2026>

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## 16. Alibaba [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-09-02. Alibaba Cloud Model Studio's release log lists Qwen3.8-Max-0902 (2 September 2026) as the most recent Qwen text flagship. No new Qwen flagship was listed for 19–20 October. Evidence: platform release log. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://help.aliyun.com/zh/model-studio/newly-released-models>

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## 17. ByteDance [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026 (date not re-verified). A secondary tracker lists Seedance 2.5 (up to 30-second clips in one pass, up to 50 references) as ByteDance Seed's latest release. The primary source and exact date were not re-verified for this edition. Evidence: secondary tracker. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://pasqualepillitteri.it/en/news/cat/569>

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## 21. Tencent [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-15. Secondary sources report a quiet 15 October 2026 release of Hy-Memory-30B-A3B, a memory-writer model, and identify Hy4 Preview (28 August 2026) as Tencent Hunyuan's current flagship. The primary release pages were not re-verified. Evidence: secondary report. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.orcarouter.ai/blog/hy-memory-30b-a3b-quiet-release>; <https://asiaai.fyi/guides/china-frontier-models-tracker/>

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## 23. Baidu [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026 (spring). Trackers list ERNIE 5.1 (spring 2026) as Baidu's current flagship. On 18 October 2026, Baidu's Qianfan platform added DeepSeek-V4.1-Flash, which is a third-party model. Evidence: secondary tracker / platform log. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://asiaai.fyi/guides/china-frontier-models-tracker/>

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## 24. DeepSeek [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-18. DeepSeek-V4.1-Flash appeared on Baidu Qianfan's model log on 18 October 2026. A DIGITIMES report (20 October) that DeepSeek is helping shape future Huawei Ascend designs is an unconfirmed press report and is not counted as a verified R&D development. Evidence: platform log (secondary). TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.digitimes.com/news/a20261020VL214/deepseek-huawei-ascend-ai-chip-training.html?chid=10>

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## 26. Palantir [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-03-16. NVIDIA's GTC release (16 March 2026) states that Palantir is using Nemotron to develop AI agents on the Palantir sovereign AI OS Reference Architecture. Evidence: partner press release. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/ai-agents>

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## 27. Xiaomi [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-19. Alibaba Cloud Model Studio's log lists Xiaomi MiMo-V2.6-Pro-UltraSpeed on 19 October 2026 (Beijing date). A primary Xiaomi technical report was not

identified. Evidence: platform release log. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://help.aliyun.com/zh/model-studio/newly-released-models>

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## 28. Siemens [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-03-16. Siemens launched the Fuse EDA AI Agent, which uses NVIDIA Nemotron to orchestrate EDA workflows from design to sign-off (NVIDIA GTC release, 16 March 2026). Coverage on 20 October concerned workforce commentary, not R&D. Evidence: partner press release. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/ai-agents>

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## 29. Reliance (Jio, Reliance Intelligence) [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-02-19. At the India AI Impact Summit (February 2026), Reliance announced a seven-year ₹10 trillion AI investment covering Jamnagar AI data centres, green power and edge compute. No newer research item was identified. Evidence: corporate announcement (via Reuters/Mint). TRL: pilot deployment. Source(s): <https://www.reuters.com/world/india/ambanis-reliance-will-invest-110-billion-ai-2026-02-19/>

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## 30. John Deere [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-09-01. On 1 September 2026, Deere introduced JD, a natural-language AI assistant in Operations Center that answers questions on field, machine and operational data. It is in limited US early access, with in-cab access planned. Evidence: corporate press release. TRL: pilot deployment. Source(s): <https://www.deere.com/en-us/john-deere-news/introducing-jd-ai-assistant>

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## 33. Salesforce [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-03-16. Salesforce's latest verified R&D-related item is its Agentforce reference architecture with NVIDIA Nemotron and Agent Toolkit (16 March 2026). On 20 October 2026, Salesforce agreed to acquire Braze for \$5.66 billion. That is a corporate transaction, not R&D. Evidence: partner press release. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/ai-agents>; <https://www.cnbc.com/2026/10/20/salesforce-braze-acquisition-deal.html>

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## 34. SAP [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-03-16. SAP's latest verified R&D-related item is Joule Studio agent building with NVIDIA NeMo on SAP BTP (16 March 2026). On 20 October 2026, SAP introduced AI-powered roleplays for certification renewal, which is a training product rather than R&D. Evidence: partner press release. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/ai-agents>; <https://news.sap.com/2026/10/sap-introduces-ai-powered-roleplays-learners-stay-certified/>

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## 39. Mistral AI [SOFTWARE · software]

**1. Company and research division.** Mistral AI (audio/speech team).

**2. Date of publication / announcement.** 20 October 2026 (launch; benchmark charts state 'generated 2026-10-20'). Earlier context: Timestral time-series foundation models, 15 October 2026.

**3. Research title and field.** Voxtral 3: speech-to-text and text-to-speech model family plus a voice-agent SDK. Field: speech recognition, speech synthesis, real-time agents.

**4. Research background.** Voice agents must listen, reason, speak and act simultaneously with low latency. Cascaded pipelines typically add delay at each stage.

**5. Scientific innovation.** A streaming pipeline (on LiveKit) in which transcription with end-of-turn detection, LLM reasoning with tool calling, and expressive TTS overlap, so no stage waits for the previous one. Contextual TTS infers emotion from the text, and 'Pro Voice' adaptation works from about 30 minutes of audio.

**6. Methodology.** Benchmarks used:

- Transcription: FLEURS (45 and 35 languages), diarisation cpWER (AMI-IHM/SDM, Switchboard, CallHome, AISHELL-4) and Earnings-22 keyphrase recall
- Artificial Analysis WER index
- TTS: Voice Code Bench (BeSimple AI) plus internal pronunciation, multilingual and expressive evaluations, judged by gemini-3.8-flash

**7. Results.** Voxtral Small Transcribe 3 is claimed state-of-the-art versus Whisper, Scribe v2 and Gemini 3.5 Transcribe (the exact WER values are in charts not captured in text). The Mini transcriber has 4B parameters and costs \$0.0035/min; Realtime runs at under 500 ms at \$0.008/min; Small costs \$0.0040/min. TTS covers 35+ languages and 50+ dialects at \$13 per 1M characters. Agent turns complete in under 1 s. The voice-agent API costs \$0.04/min with Mistral Small 4.

**8. Scientific significance.** An integrated, sovereign-deployable voice-agent stack with broad Indic language coverage is relevant for multilingual public services.

**9. Technical limitations.** Most comparisons are internal evaluations, and several are judged by an LLM. Exact numbers were provided only in charts. Voice adaptation raises consent and impersonation risks, and the safeguards were not detailed in the sources reviewed.

**10. Technology readiness and evidence type.** Commercial (API) with a self-deployment option. Evidence type: company announcement (marketing claims with partly public benchmarks).

**11. Competitive comparison.** Comparators named by Mistral are Whisper, ElevenLabs Scribe v2 and Flash, Deepgram, OpenAI TTS-1 and Gemini. No independent leaderboard confirmation was seen at the time of writing.

**12. Future research (1-5 years) — FORECAST.** FORECAST (1-5 years): sub-second multilingual voice agents in contact centres; regulatory requirements for voice-clone consent and watermarking; growth of Indic-language voice services.

**13. Original references.**

- <https://mistral.ai/news/voxtral-3/>
- <https://mistral.ai/news/timestral/>

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## 40. Adobe [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10-15. NVIDIA's newsroom lists 'Adobe and NVIDIA Expand Collaboration to Speed Agentic Creation' (15 October 2026). Only the headline and date were re-verified. Earlier, Adobe adopted NVIDIA Agent Toolkit for long-running creative agents (16 March 2026). Evidence: partner press release (headline verified). TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/>; <https://nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/ai-agents>

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## 41. Sony [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: n/a. No dated primary Sony AI R&D item was re-verified for this edition. Searches returned no recent Sony AI research announcements. Evidence: n/a. TRL: n/a. Source(s): none located

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## 43. Hyundai and Boston Dynamics [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026 (Sept-Oct; day not re-verified). Boston Dynamics and Hyundai opened the Robotics Metaplant Application Center in Georgia to train Atlas for automotive logistics and sequencing. Secondary reports place the Spot 5.2 release (AI-agent dispatch via Orbit) on 1 October 2026. Evidence: corporate announcement. TRL: pilot deployment. Source(s): <https://bostondynamics.com/news/boston-dynamics-opens-robotics-metaplant-application-center-to-train-humanoid-robots-for-manufacturing-tasks/>; <https://www.hyundaimotorgroup.com/en/story/hyundai-motor-group-bloomberg-atlas-boston-dynamics-rmac>

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## 44. Moonshot AI and Zhipu [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-08. Alibaba Cloud Model Studio lists Kimi K3 and GLM-5.3 as August 2026 releases. On 20 October 2026, Zhipu's GLM 5.2 (about 753B parameters) appears as a third-party workload in the Llm-d 1.0 demonstration (entry 20); that is not a Zhipu development. Evidence: platform release log. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://help.aliyun.com/zh/model-studio/newly-released-models>

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## 45. GE HealthCare [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (day not re-verified). In October 2026, GE HealthCare launched the LOGIQ Focus general-imaging ultrasound system (FDA 510(k)-cleared, CE-marked) with AI automation tools including AutoEF (automated ejection fraction). Evidence: corporate press release. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.gehealthcare.com/en-us/about/newsroom/press-releases/ge-healthcare-expands-general-imaging-ultrasound-portfolio-with-logiq-focus-elevating-everyday-ultrasound-performance>

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## 46. Anduril [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (day not re-verified). Anduril announced a five-year US Army Next Generation Command and Control contract worth up to \$1.8 billion to expand its Lattice data layer. This is a contract, not a research result. Evidence: corporate announcement. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.anduril.com/news/anduril-continues-to-scale-next-generation-command-and-control-across-the-army>

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## 47. Thomson Reuters [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-10 (day not re-verified). Thomson Reuters expanded next-generation CoCounsel Legal globally, adding a Multinational Profile for cross-border legal research (reported in October 2026). The primary release was not re-verified. Evidence: secondary report of corporate announcement. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://se.marketscreener.com/nyheter/thomson-reuters-lanserar-nasta-generation-av-cocounsel-legal-globalt-ce785dd2dc8afe22>

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## 48. L'Oréal [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026 (Sept-Oct; day not re-verified). L'Oréal announced a strategic partnership with OpenAI covering virtual try-on, product discovery, advertising and skin-microbiome research. The source is a secondary republication; the date was not re-verified. Evidence: secondary report of corporate announcement. TRL: pilot deployment. Source(s): <https://www.fccsingapore.com/news/n/news/loreal-and-openai-announce-strategic-partnership-to-accelerate-ai-driven-transformation-of-beauty.html>

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## 49. Sarvam AI [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: 2026-03. In March 2026, Sarvam open-sourced Sarvam-30B and Sarvam-105B, reasoning models trained in India and released under Apache 2.0. They power Samvaad and Indus. A July 2026 Odisha AI data-centre plan with HCLTech was reported by Reuters. Evidence: company blog. TRL: commercial. Source(s): <https://www.sarvam.ai/blogs/sarvam-30b-105b>

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## 50. Duolingo [SOFTWARE]

**Latest verified R&D update.** Date: n/a. No dated primary Duolingo AI R&D item was re-verified for this edition. Searches returned no recent Duolingo research announcements. Evidence: n/a. TRL: n/a. Source(s): none located

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## Also tracked

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These companies are monitored but are not part of the numbered 50.

- **Groq:** No dated primary R&D item re-verified for this edition. Source(s): none located.
- **Tenstorrent:** 19 October 2026: \$1.5 bn Series E at a \$6.2 bn valuation, to fund Galaxy-server production and open-weight and video workloads. This is a financing event, not an R&D result. Source(s): <https://tenstorrent.com/en/newsroom/tenstorrent-announces-series-e>; <https://techcrunch.com/2026/10/19/tenstorrent-hits-6-2b-valuation-to-scale-open-weight-ai-chips/>.
- **SambaNova:** No dated primary R&D item re-verified for this edition. Source(s): none located.
- **Graphcore:** No dated primary R&D item re-verified for this edition. Source(s): none located.
- **Cambricon:** Not listed among the vendors announcing day-0 support for StepFun Step 5 Preview (15–16 October 2026). No dated primary R&D item was re-verified. Source(s): <https://kubuds.io/en/flagos/daily/2026/1016.html>.
- **Biren Technology:** 15 October 2026: day-0 support for StepFun Step 5 Preview using vLLM and the BIRENSUPA stack (SUPACODE handling DSA, SummaryCache and MoE modules). Secondary source. Source(s): <https://kubuds.io/en/flagos/daily/2026/1016.html>.
- **Cohere:** 20 October 2026: quoted in the Llm-d 1.0 release as using Llm-d to maximise throughput for large-scale RL workloads and production serving. This is a user testimonial, not a Cohere research result. Source(s): <https://newsroom.ibm.com/2026-10-20-Llm-d-1-0-advances-open,-cost-efficient-ai-inference-for-production-scale>.
- **Hugging Face:** 20 October 2026: Trainium becomes a native upstream device in Transformers v5, Diffusers, TRL and the kernels library, via TorchNeuron (see entry 04). Vendor and partner statements. Source(s): <https://pytorch.org/blog/introducing-torchneuron-native-pytorch-backend-for-aws-trainium/>.
- **Stability AI:** No dated primary R&D item re-verified for this edition. Source(s): none located.
- **Databricks:** 20 October 2026: Agent Memory, with managed session and memory stores, semantic recall and memory pipelines that distil conversations into long-term memory, alongside the MemCurrent architecture blog. Commercial product; company blog. Source(s): <https://databricks.com/blog/2026-10-20-agent-memory>

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## D. Hardware-Software Integration Analysis

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**1. The software moat is being re-engineered at the framework layer.** TorchNeuron (AWS) and Torch-Spyre (IBM) both register non-CUDA silicon through PyTorch's PrivateUse1 extension point and lower torch.compile graphs through vendor compilers. TorchNeuron uses Torch-MLIR, StableHLO and NEFF; Torch-Spyre uses Inductor with scratchpad-aware tiling. The common lesson, explicit in both disclosures, is that dataflow and scratchpad accelerators need device-specific tensor layouts and tiling hidden behind standard PyTorch semantics. IBM's companion talks (MAKCI analytical cost models; model-derived operator tests covering 116 operators from 8 models) and AWS's report of about 22K skipped upstream tests show where the remaining cost lies. That cost is operator coverage, dynamic shapes and correctness on real-model shapes, not peak FLOPS.

**2. CPU-side convergence.** The AMD-Intel oneDNN/ACE agreement extends the same logic down to the ISA. One library becomes the PyTorch default for x86, and a jointly designed matrix-multiply extension is planned. If realised, compilers target one x86 matrix ISA instead of vendor-specific variants. This is hardware designed around a shared software abstraction, which is co-design in the strict sense.

**3. Scale-up domains trade bandwidth for reliability.** Meta's Prometheus data quantify a little-discussed cost. Moving from NVL8 to NVL72 enlarges the fault blast radius by 9x, and the response is architectural: 64-of-72 slices, in-rack spares, about 13% provisioning overhead and parallelism-aware fault tolerance. The model-parallel layout (power-of-two groups) therefore directly shapes hardware utilisation. NVLink signal integrity (more than 600K links at 200 Gb/s per lane) and HBM/LPDDR errors are the dominant failure modes. These are physical-layer constraints that software must absorb.

**4. Inference economics favour memory-centric serving.** Llm-d 1.0's agent-aware routing, prefix-cache hit rates (about 98% in the IBM case) and prefill/decode disaggregation reflect a shift in which context management, not generation, dominates cost. This raises demand for KV-cache capacity and fast cache tiers. It is consistent with the memory-capacity-heavy inference designs noted earlier in October, such as Intel's D-Series with 480 GB LPDDR5X.

**5. Algorithms constrained to the edge and to single GPUs.** NVIDIA distilled a 16B-parameter surgical world model to 2-4 denoising steps for interactive use on one RTX PRO 6000. Mistral overlaps ASR, LLM and TTS stages to keep voice-agent turns under 1 s. Google Research's Coral NPU (open design) is now inside Synaptics SR200 MCUs at 400 GOPS. In each case the model or pipeline was reshaped to fit a fixed hardware budget.

**6. Verification as infrastructure.** DeepMind's Busy Beaver pipeline relies on Lean 4 as a 'hardware-independent' trust layer, and GRAFT uses monitors to route gradients rather than rewards. Both are methodological answers to the same co-design question: how to get reliable outputs from imperfect generators.

## E. Top Ten Scientific Breakthroughs

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The ranking weighs scientific novelty, quality of evidence, magnitude of improvement, potential to remove an important bottleneck, relevance to AGI, robotics and advanced computing, and long-term implications. It does not weigh publicity or market capitalisation. Items 2 and 4 rank high because their evidence is respectively machine-checked and quantitatively detailed. Items 3 and 5 rank high because of structural impact on the software stack despite thin data.

1. **[04] AWS TorchNeuron: native PyTorch backend for Trainium (public beta)** — Removes the main software barrier to non-NVIDIA training at scale. Upstream-aligned design (PrivateUse1, torch.compile, NKI) with a candid test-gap disclosure. Evidence: vendor blog; customer claims unreplicated. Source: <https://pytorch.org/blog/introducing-torchneuron-native-pytorch-backend-for-aws-trainium/>
2. **[02] Google DeepMind: Lean-verified accelerations for 11 new BB(6) machines (preprint)** — Highest novelty and strongest evidence of the day: outputs are machine-checked and public. Relevant to autonomous AI discovery. Limited to Collatz-like dynamics; not peer-reviewed. Source: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2610.22603>
3. **[08/18] AMD + Intel: oneDNN unification and AI Compute Extensions (ACE) x86 matrix ISA** — Potentially the deepest long-term co-design shift for CPU AI. Ranked below 1–2 because no specification or data were published. Source: <https://newsroom.amd.com/news/amd-intel-collaborate-simplify-ai-development-on-x86-cpus-pytorch/>
4. **[05] Meta Prometheus: supercluster reliability disclosures (85–90% goodput, MTBI >54k GPU-h, 99% fewer interruptions)** — Rare quantitative evidence that reliability bounds frontier training. Directly informs scale-up-domain design. Company-reported. Source: <https://enggist.vercel.app/post/97ee8863-91bf-44d6-ad38-b10f9a857944>
5. **[20] IBM/llm-d 1.0 and Torch-Spyre (PyTorch Conference 2026)** — Production-grade open inference for agent workloads, plus a second PrivateUse1 accelerator integration. Figures are contributor demonstrations. Source: <https://newsroom.ibm.com/2026-10-20-llm-d-1-0-advances-open,-cost-efficient-ai-inference-for-production-scale>
6. **[03] Microsoft BioEmu-2 public preview (all-atom ensembles incl. complexes, ligands, nucleic acids)** — High scientific relevance for drug discovery. v1 is peer-reviewed (Science 2025), but v2 lacks published validation. Source: <https://huggingface.co/microsoft/bioemu2>
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10. **[39] Mistral Voxtral 3: streaming voice-agent stack, 50-language ASR, expressive TTS** — Strong systems integration and broad Indic coverage. Quality claims mostly internal and LLM-judged. Source: <https://mistral.ai/news/voxtral-3/>

## F. Emerging Research Bottlenecks

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1. **Operator coverage and dynamic shapes for non-CUDA accelerators.** AWS reports about 22K upstream tests skipped for operators without a native lowering, and does not yet support dynamic or symbolic shapes. These are still the main friction for MoE routing and agent workloads on custom silicon.
2. **Reliability at scale-up-domain granularity.** NVL72 blast radius, NVLink signal integrity and HBM/LPDDR error rates directly cap goodput (Meta).
3. **Memory supply and base-die logistics.** Recent press reports describe HBM4E base dies moving to foundry logic nodes, and Tesla has cut LPDDR on AI5/AI6 because of DRAM shortages. The press reports are unconfirmed, but they are consistent with a memory-constrained 2026–2027.
4. **Leading-edge foundry capacity.** Secondary coverage reports TSMC 3 nm at 33% of 3Q26 wafer revenue, with lines running full. It is a binding constraint for accelerator start-ups.
5. **Power transients.** Synchronous training swings of 30–40% and multi-ten-megawatt steps need cluster-level capping and storage (Meta Dynamo Dimmer, BBU/CBU/BESS).
6. **Evaluation credibility.** Most of the day's quantitative claims were self-reported, LLM-judged or chart-only. Independent, reproducible benchmarks are lacking, notably for speech, coding and world models.
7. **Clinical validation of generative medical models.** Cosmos3-H-Dreams and BioEmu-2 both lack published quantitative validation against expert ratings or experimental ensembles.
8. **Oversight with weak monitors.** Reward hacking that evades monitors remains open. GRAFT is promising but untested with LLM judges or in multi-turn RL.

## G. Research Bibliography

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## Verification limitations and methods note

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- **Not exhaustive.** This edition searched primary company sites, arXiv, journal pages and selected secondary aggregators. Patent databases (USPTO, WIPO, EPO), paywalled journals and most conference proceedings were not systematically searched. Coverage is not exhaustive, and a "no development" statement means none was identified, not that none occurred.
- **Blocked or paywalled sources.**
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  - the Tesla AI5 96 GB figure
- **Latest-update entries.** Several company entries rely on secondary sources or lack an exact day; each is labelled "day not re-verified" or "secondary". Tencent, ByteDance, Baidu, Micron, Thomson Reuters and L'Oréal rely on secondary sources.
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