

Backpressure, pneumatic robots, and the transhuman belief set

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“The two obvious approaches to agentic coding are both bad: let it run unattended (fast, stupid) or force human review at every step (safe, slow).”

— Selin Oriax, today's narration

On today's show: Lucas F. Costa makes the case for automated backpressure in agentic coding loops, so the agent validates its own work before a human has to step in. Maziyar Panahi ships small Sunday updates for OpenMed that quietly improve the daily workflow. We look at a Guardian investigation into the transhuman belief system uniting Silicon Valley's wealthy elites — Altman, Musk, Thiel — and how it justifies redirecting capital away from earthbound problems. A 1987 DIY pneumatic bipedal robot, the Shadow Walker, shows the same pattern: ambition outpacing the underlying mechanics. Erin Brockovich's crowdsourced data center map tracks the physical cost. Stepfun 3.7 Flash benchmarks against GLM 5.1 in the local model space. And a 13-year-old writing in AI style makes detection irrelevant.

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