

How Hyperspace influenced the AI industry from 2023 - 2026

Thank you for supporting me in the past.

At Hyperspace - the ideas, products and vision we instigated for the past several years has increasingly become the foundational pillar of the entire AI industry.

Starting Q4 2023, we wrote extensively about the need for open weight models, collaborative and decentralized AI. By some measure, we were the loudest voice back then: with essays, products, papers and roast 1984-style videos going viral. This also enabled us to build the largest decentralized network of consumer nodes serving inference of open weight models.

Today, all the notable industry leaders are championing those ideas as necessities for the world to move forward. In addition, the decentralized and collaborative AI thesis and products we introduced, are now being echo-ed by the top CEOs and VCs of Silicon Valley - with billions of dollars in capital pushing those concepts.

Then in Q4 2024, we were also the first to introduce the concept of multi-agent orchestration in a breakthrough new product which introduced trust-building UX: showing how the system was thinking. These are ideas we spent months fine-tuning and improving, as until then the industry operated on a "trust me" model doing all work completely invisible to you. Now, every major AI tool shows the system thinking and processing. This builds user trust, and what has led to the explosive growth of agentic systems.

Then throughout 2025, we were the first to introduce the concept of the Agentic Browser, which inspired several others. And then we expanded that vision even further with the conceptualization of the Agentic OS in Q2 2025, through essays and showcasing demos in packed events in San Francisco and on X. For instance, our work showcasing a Claude-wrapped multi-agent system building useful things preceded OpenClaw by at least 3 months. The vibe in San Francisco a year ago, in the summer of 2025 was clear - that the idea of the *Agentic OS* and what emerged as Claude Code-like systems are going to be where AI is used and experienced by all eventually. That the world was moving from chat, to agents. We felt this with 1000s of people RSVP-ing to our events and 100s more showing up than we could accomodate. This was the wisdom of the crowds, and I am proud of the role Hyperspace played in rallying this.

The impact our small startup has had on the entire industry in vision and products has been profound in ways people don't even realize: we were the first, in decentralized and collaborative AI, in building user trust by showing the processing of an AI system, in multi-agent orchestration, and in expanded product vision and concept of the *ultimate* thing to build - all playing on the same theme: of making smart AI abundant and accessible to all. Over the past few years, while we have been working on our own multi-year roadmap, the entire industry has converged to our roadmap as well through its own exploration. When we started, the prevalent mood in the industry was that OpenAI's lead was too far ahead with ChatGPT and it couldn't be competed against. That, it was hopeless to compete against them. As a tiny two-bit startup supported by thousands of people around the world who read our essays and papers, tried our products, got inspired and built their own iteration, and have championed the core ideas in their own way.

As a result the AI world we now live in - has a little bit of Hyperspace-inspired everywhere. The timestamps are there on X. We weren't building things in a vacuum, but in public, and even in Q1 2026, our launch announcements had more awareness on X than even all the major AI labs. We were once again the first to introduce the concept of collaborative autonomous agent swarms, with agents gossiping information and building re-usable knowledge based on that. Since then, many startups have launched around that concept and research papers have been written about that, and it is considered the *new normal*.

This is a win for our ideas and mission. It has given me hope and inspiration to be even more ambitious, and Hyperspace in 2026 and beyond is going to continue influencing the entire world in its own way.

We could not have competed with the mightiest companies with a single investor cap table, but we are now in a position to be competitive having seeded the right ideas over the past few years, because what we are building is an **AI network**. The network thrives when there are many smart open weight models, when there is innovation in agentic infrastructure, and in new product concepts. By inspiring the industry, with the work which has happened, that has also flowed back to the Hyperspace CLI - which is now the most advanced distributed AI system available in a box. In our world, using a frontier lab products and models is nearing nice-to-have, not essential. Our journey has been roughly 2 years of explorative R&D which inspired the industry + another 3 year phase now just starting which will push the frontiers. By 2030, we will realize the ambition of a billion people using these new supercomputers from their laptops to live profoundly better lives'.

Thank you,
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