

\$965B and Climbing

Why Anthropic's Series H is a Capacity Bet, Not a Valuation Round.

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THE VIRAL HEADLINE

**\$65B raised
at a \$965B
post-money
valuation.**

The largest private financing in history, edging past OpenAI to become the most valuable private company on Earth.

THE INSTITUTIONAL REALITY

**A >10
Gigawatt
Capacity
Round.**

Anthropic's press release quietly named three memory chipmakers (Micron, Samsung, SK hynix) as "strategic infrastructure partners." This isn't about equity valuation; it is a mega-project financing to secure physical infrastructure.

No Data

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\$14B ARR

\$965B
Valuation

The Velocity of Scale

A 15.7x valuation increase in 14 months, driven by run-rate revenue multiplying 5.4x in just the last 14 weeks.

\$61.5B
Valuation

\$9B ARR

\$380B
Valuation

\$14B ARR

\$47B ARR

March 2025

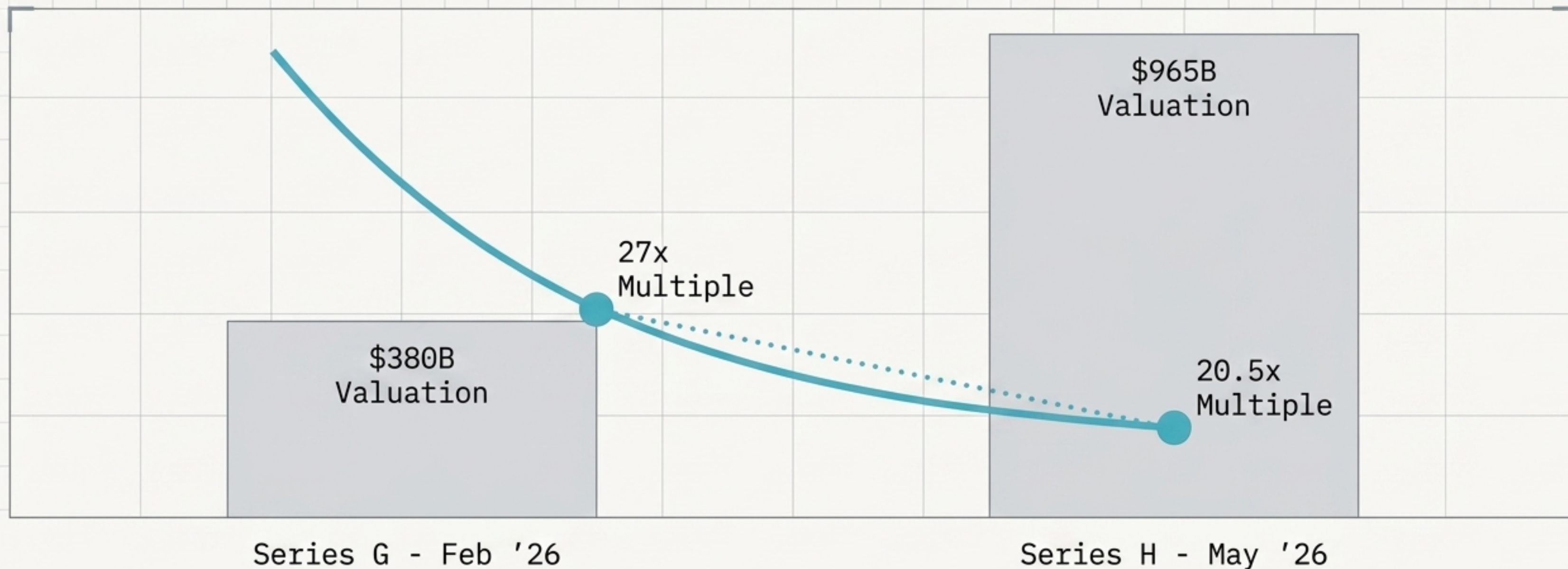
December 2025

February 2026

May 2026

The Opposite of a Bubble.

Bubble mechanics dictate that multiples expand while revenue lags. Anthropic's pattern is the inverse: explosive revenue growth (\$47B ARR) pulled the multiple down. The valuation tripled, but the relative price got cheaper.



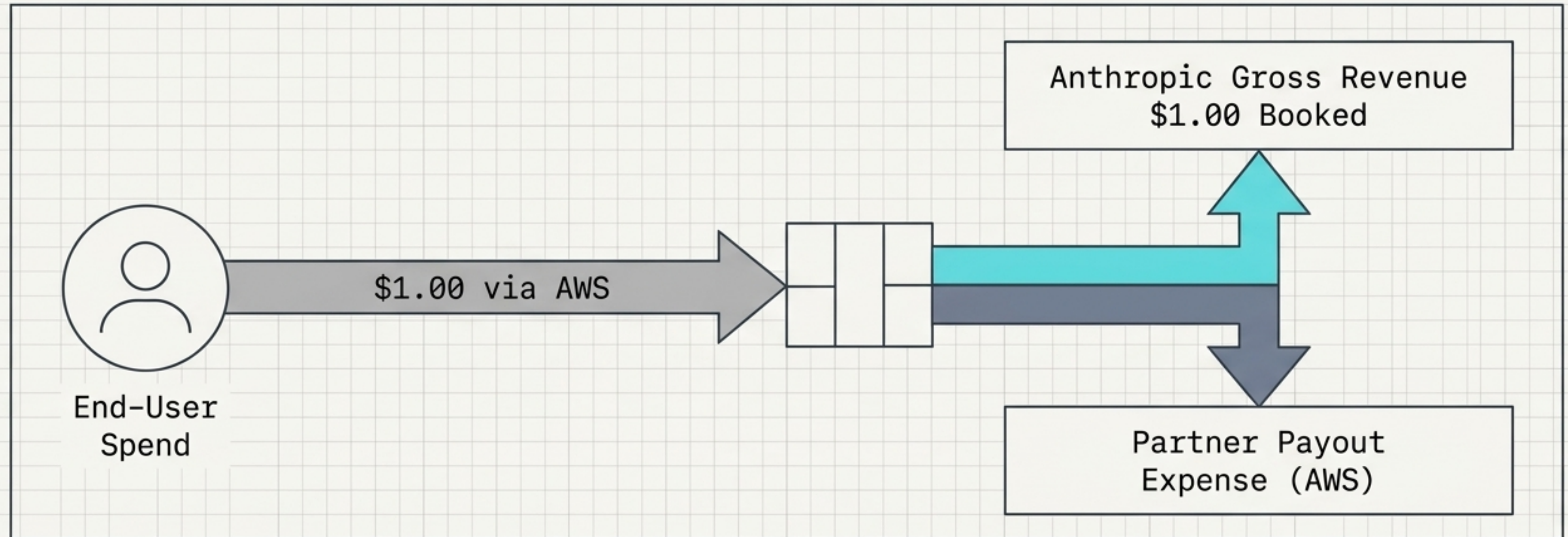
The Megacap Frontier Matrix

	Anthropic	OpenAI
Valuation	\$965B	\$852B (March 2026)
Implied ARR	\$47B	~\$30B implied
Revenue Multiple	20.5x	~30x
Market Status	Private, Optionality	Pre-IPO

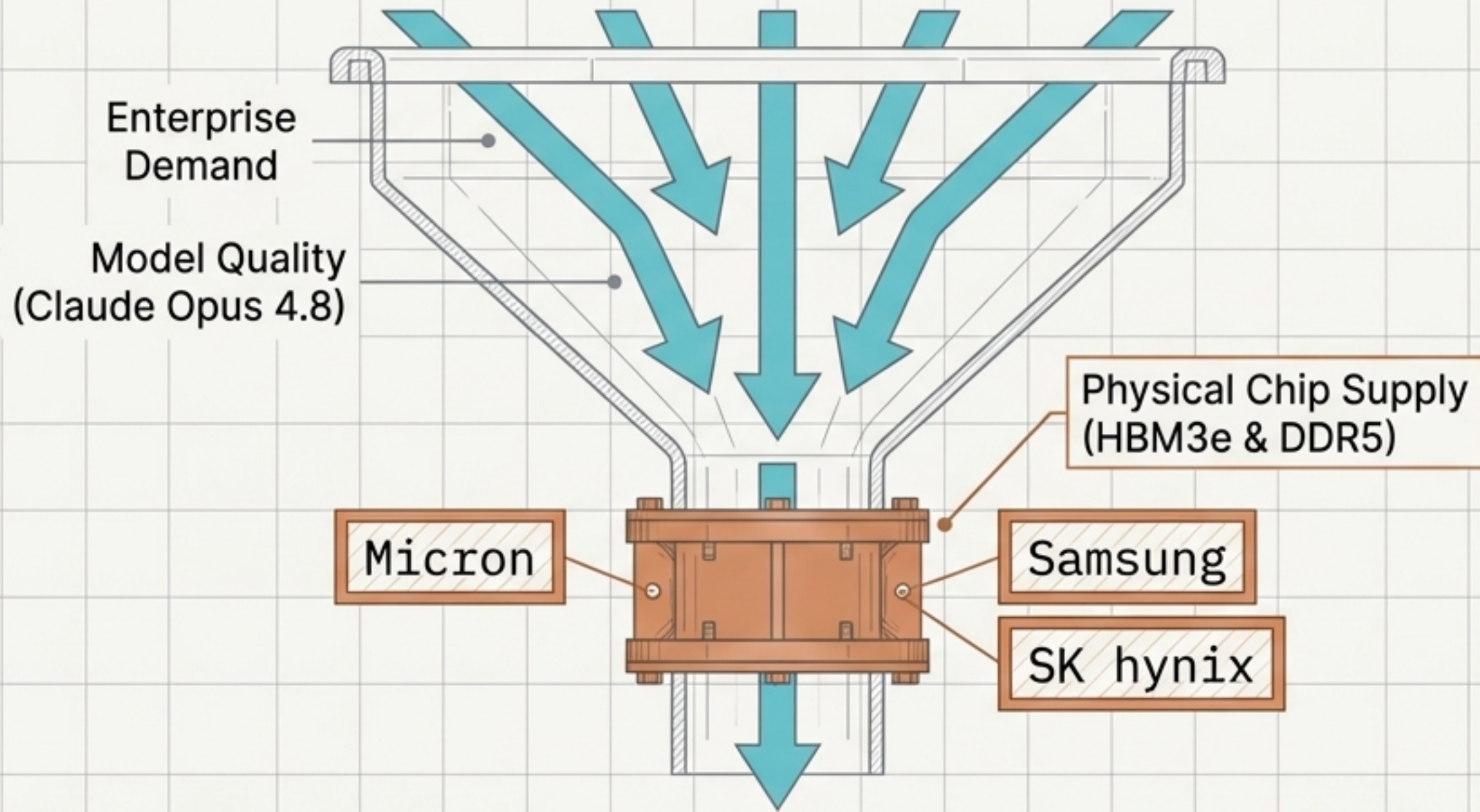
The 'expensive because it's smaller' framing is dead. Anthropic is now larger by valuation, growing faster, and trading at a tighter multiple than its closest rival.

The \$47B Caveat

Anthropic reports cloud reseller revenue on a gross basis. This structurally inflates the top line against peers who report net revenue, meaning the 20.5x multiple requires an asterisk.



The New Bottleneck



Naming memory chipmakers alongside equity backers is the ultimate “tell”. The binding constraint on near-term growth is no longer customer demand—it is the physical supply of the memory chips required to serve that demand.

The \$200B+ Capacity Ledger

AWS

5GW capacity
(1GW new by end
of 2026).

Google /
Broadcom

5GW of next-gen
TPUs (beginning
2027).

SpaceX
Colossus
1 & 2

220,000 NVIDIA
GPUs (300 MW
live now).

Microsoft
Azure

\$30B multi-year
Microsoft/Nvidia
commitment.

Fluidstack

\$50B American AI
infrastructure
investment.

Total Commitments: >10 Gigawatts.
The \$65B raise must be read against a multi-year
compute bill well north of **\$200** billion.

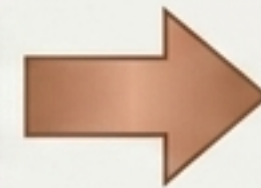
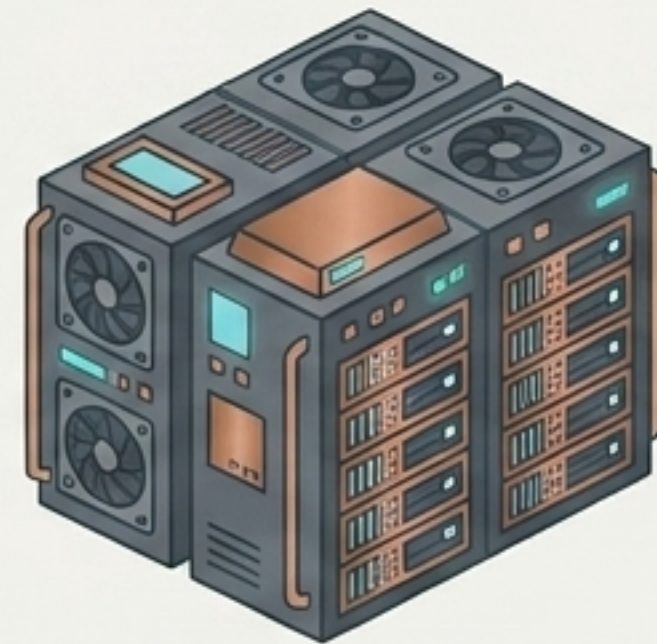
The Unprofitability Spectrum

Traditional SaaS Burn



Unprofitable because cash is burned to acquire customers who don't yet pay enough to cover operations.

Infrastructure CapEx (The Anthropoc Model)



Profitability
Target: 2028

Unprofitable today because they are pre-buying multi-year physical capacity (gigawatts) to handle contracted revenue that hasn't fully arrived yet.

May 28, 2026: Narrative Control

Launch **Claude Opus 4.8** (Product Momentum).

Morning

Announce **\$65B Series H** (Capital Momentum).

Mid-Day

One week post-OpenAI IPO confidential filing rumors.

Background Context

Anthropic just bought the optionality to remain private. With likely limited investor exit obligations in this round, they control **their own timeline** to the public markets.

THE BULL CASE (Structural Upside)

Unprecedented 5.4x quarterly revenue growth.

Multiple compressing despite a \$965B valuation.

>65% market share in enterprise AI spending.

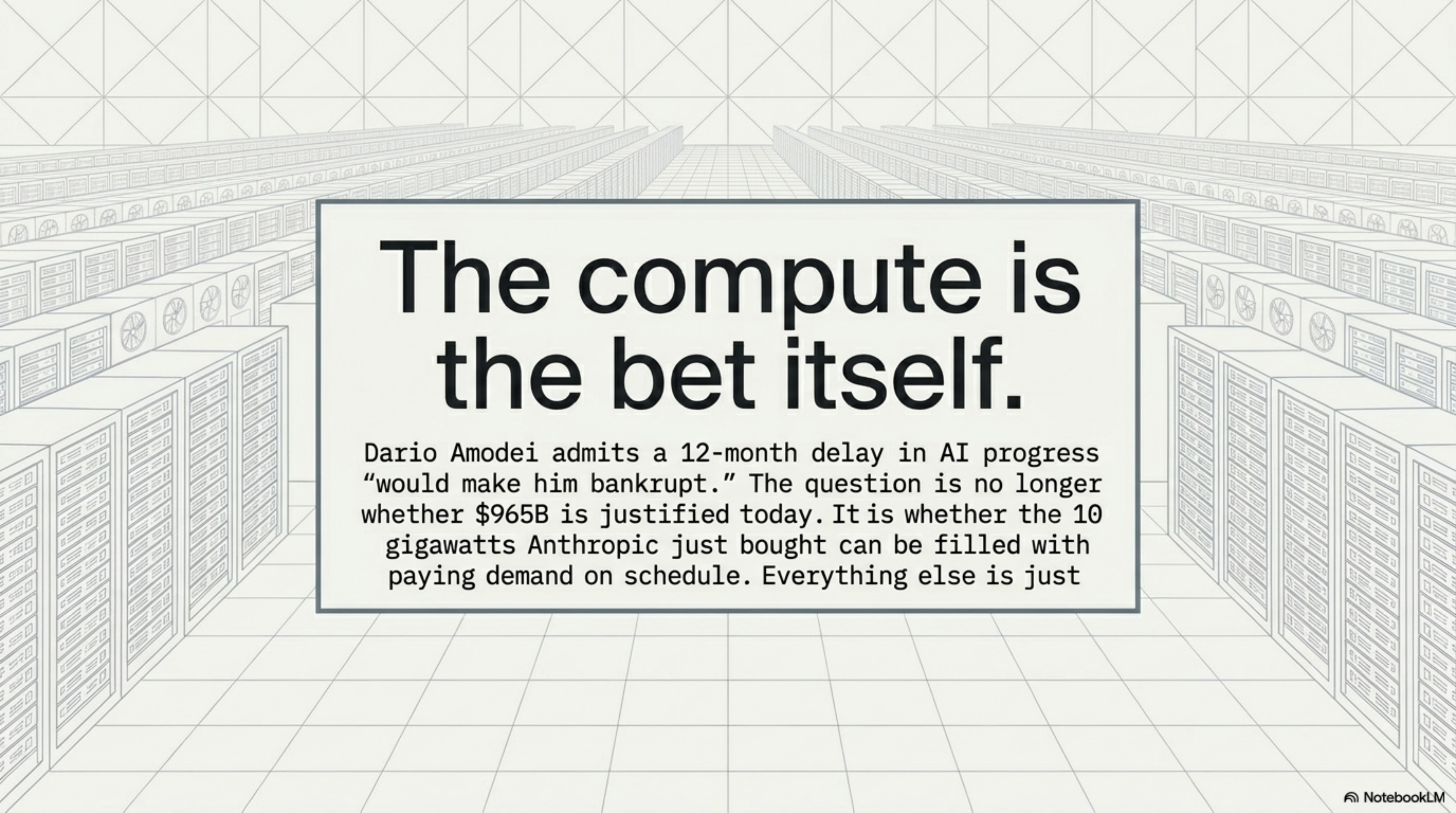
Physical infrastructure contracts secured over rivals.

THE BEAR CASE (Existential Risk)

20.5x revenue is objectively expensive by software standards.

Gross-basis reporting flatters the top line.

\$200B+ fixed multi-year compute contracts create catastrophic exposure if enterprise demand merely normalizes.



The compute is the bet itself.

Dario Amodei admits a 12-month delay in AI progress “would make him bankrupt.” The question is no longer whether \$965B is justified today. It is whether the 10 gigawatts Anthropic just bought can be filled with paying demand on schedule. Everything else is just