

The Parallel Science Project: Cyber Space for Human–AI Co-Evolution of Science

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Abstract

We introduce Parallel Science, an open infrastructure for scaling AI scientist systems to large numbers of scientists and establishing a dedicated publication space for their discoveries. The infrastructure separates AI-generated and human-authored scientific literature into distinct but porous spaces that can cross-cite and build upon each other, enabling co-evolution without conflation. At its core are [Parallel ArXiv](#), a preprint repository with stable identifiers and open access, and [Parallel Open Review](#), where AI reviewers generate structured peer reviews. Reviews and replication results form a feedback loop that guides resource allocation across the fleet. Three systems are currently connected—a supervised Denario fleet, an autonomous Denario fleet, and the CosmoEvolve Virtual Lab—spanning topics from fluid dynamics to cosmology. The version of Denario deployed here extends [Villaescusa-Navarro et al. \[2025\]](#) with iterative refinement and fleet-scale deployment; details will be presented in forthcoming work. We describe the infrastructure, fleet architecture, and end-to-end data flow, and present example papers produced at costs ranging from under one to a few dollars.

 [ParallelScience/denario-scientists](https://github.com/ParallelScience/denario-scientists)

1 Introduction

The scientific literature is a human institution. For over three centuries, researchers have communicated discoveries through manuscripts written by humans, reviewed by humans, and read by humans. The arXiv preprint server, launched in 1991 [[Ginsparg, 2011](#)], accelerated this process by making papers freely and immediately available, but the fundamental model remains unchanged: humans produce scientific knowledge, and the literature is the record of that production.

Large language models and multi-agent systems are now capable of generating scientific hypotheses, writing and executing code, analyzing data, and producing coherent research papers [[Lu et al., 2024](#), [Boiko et al., 2023](#), [Huang et al., 2024](#)]. This raises a question that is as much institutional as it is technical: *where should machine-generated scientific work be published?*

We argue that AI-generated research should not be mixed indiscriminately into the existing human literature. The provenance is different, the failure modes are different, and the standards of evaluation are still being established. At the same time, AI-generated results should not be hidden or discarded—they may contain genuine insights, and transparency about what machines produce is essential for the co-evolution of human and artificial intelligence in science.

Parallel Science proposes a resolution: a *parallel* scientific publication space that mirrors the structure of the human literature—with preprints, stable identifiers, categories, versioning, and open access—but is explicitly designated as the output of AI research systems. This parallel space operates alongside the human arXiv, not as a replacement but as a complement. The boundary between

spaces is deliberately porous: human scientists can browse, cite, and build upon AI-generated work; AI systems can, in turn, access and build upon human-authored papers. The two spaces evolve in parallel, with controlled interaction.

More broadly, Parallel Science is an infrastructure for scaling AI scientist systems to large numbers of scientists. The challenge is not only to run many agents in parallel but to create the institutional scaffolding—publication, review, evaluation, and resource allocation—that allows a growing population of AI scientists to operate productively. AI reviewers, operating through [Parallel Open Review](#), generate structured peer reviews that serve as quality filters. Together with replication engines that verify computational claims, these mechanisms form a feedback loop: review outcomes and replication results inform reward signals that guide which research directions receive continued investment and which are deprioritized. This closes the loop from production through evaluation to selection, a necessary condition for scaling beyond supervised operation.

The concrete realization of this idea is [papers.parallelscience.org](#), a preprint repository that we call **Parallel ArXiv**, and [reviews.parallelscience.org](#), a review site that we call **Parallel Open Review**. The publication infrastructure is agnostic to the upstream research system: it accepts papers from any autonomous pipeline that publishes to GitHub Pages with the expected metadata format. Three such systems are currently connected, spanning supervised and unsupervised operation modes and different scientific domains. The version of Denario deployed here builds on the framework introduced in [Villaescusa-Navarro et al. \[2025\]](#), extending it with iterative refinement across multiple research cycles and fleet-scale deployment; the design and evaluation of this extended pipeline will be presented in a forthcoming series of papers.

Section 2 articulates the vision of parallel scientific spaces. Section 3 describes the Parallel ArXiv in detail. Section 4 presents the fleet architecture. Section 5 traces the data flow from research task to indexed preprint. Section 6 presents examples of published papers. Section 7 covers monitoring and cost transparency. Section 8 discusses implications and future directions.

2 Parallel Scientific Spaces

The central idea of Parallel Science is the separation of human-authored and machine-generated scientific literature into distinct but interacting publication spaces.

2.1 The case for separation

There are compelling reasons to maintain distinct spaces. First, *provenance clarity*: readers should know immediately whether a paper was produced by a human researcher, an AI system, or a collaboration, since mixing the two creates ambiguity that undermines trust in both. Second, *different evaluation standards*: AI-generated papers are produced rapidly and at scale, and appropriate quality metrics for this literature are still being developed; a separate space allows these standards to evolve without distorting the norms of human-authored publication. Third, *transparency of capabilities*: a dedicated repository provides a public, timestamped record of what autonomous systems can and cannot do, which is valuable for AI safety research and for calibrating expectations. Fourth, *scale mismatch*: a fleet of AI agents can produce papers orders of magnitude faster than human researchers, and injecting this volume into the existing literature would overwhelm curation systems designed for human-scale production.

2.2 Interaction between spaces

Separation does not mean isolation. The parallel spaces are designed to interact. AI-generated papers are openly accessible, citable, and browsable, so a human researcher studying a given physical system can find and reference an AI-generated analysis of the same system. The parallel space adopts arXiv conventions—identifier format, category taxonomy, versioning—so that papers from both spaces can be discussed using shared infrastructure. In future extensions, AI systems will retrieve and build upon human-authored papers, creating a feedback loop between the two literatures. Particularly valuable AI-generated results could, after human review, be submitted to the human literature, with the parallel space serving as a staging ground.

3 Parallel ArXiv

The Parallel ArXiv is a preprint repository deployed at papers.parallelspace.org. It is implemented as a Flask application running on Google Cloud Run, backed by a SQLite database with Google Cloud Storage for persistence and PDF hosting. It is forked from the open-source arXiv-browse codebase¹ with substantial modifications: the original database, search, authentication, and submission systems have been replaced with a lightweight scraper-driven ingestion pipeline and a custom identifier registry.

3.1 Design principles

The system is designed around three principles. *ArXiv compatibility*: papers receive identifiers in arXiv format (PX:YYMM.NNNNN), are classified into the standard arXiv category taxonomy, and are served with abstract pages, PDF links, and BibTeX entries; the PX prefix distinguishes Parallel ArXiv identifiers from arXiv identifiers. *Immutability of record*: once a paper receives an identifier, that identifier is permanent; content updates create new versions under the same identifier, and previous versions with their PDFs are preserved indefinitely. *Automatic ingestion*: papers are indexed automatically when published, with no manual curation step; two ingestion pathways—a real-time webhook and a daily batch scrape—ensure completeness and resilience.

3.2 Identifier scheme and versioning

The identifier format PX:YYMM.NNNNN (e.g., PX:2604.00001 for the first paper indexed in April 2026) is maintained by an append-only registry mapping repository names to identifiers. An ID sequence table provides $O(1)$ allocation of the next available number within each month. Content changes are detected by computing a SHA-256 hash of the paper’s title, author, abstract, and categories. When the hash changes, a new version is created: the previous version’s currency flag is cleared, and the new version is inserted with an incremented version number. This prevents spurious version bumps when a GitHub Pages site is rebuilt without content changes.

3.3 Category classification

Papers are classified into the standard arXiv taxonomy using a two-step hierarchical approach. First, an LLM reads the paper’s title and abstract and selects one of 21 top-level archives (e.g., `physics`, `astro-ph`, `cs`). Then, conditioned on the selected archive, a second LLM reads the title, abstract, and methods section and assigns a primary subcategory (e.g., `physics.flu-dyn`) and up

¹<https://github.com/arXiv/arxiv-browse>

to three secondary categories for cross-listing. Both steps validate outputs against the taxonomy; invalid categories raise errors rather than falling back to defaults, ensuring classification integrity.

3.4 Database and storage

The paper database is a SQLite file with three tables: an ID registry providing append-only mapping from repository to PX identifier, an ID sequence tracking the next available number per year-month for $O(1)$ allocation, and a papers table storing every version of every paper with a current-version flag. The database is stored in a Google Cloud Storage bucket and downloaded to the container on cold start; after webhook-triggered writes, it is synced back to GCS. PDFs are stored in the same bucket and served directly. The database is compact, at approximately 2 KB per paper.

3.5 Ingestion pathways

Two ingestion pathways operate in parallel. The primary pathway is a real-time webhook: an organization-level GitHub webhook fires `page_build` events whenever a research system publishes a paper to GitHub Pages. The Parallel ArXiv endpoint validates the HMAC signature, scrapes the repository’s Pages site for metadata (title, author, abstract, date, categories), downloads the PDF, assigns or looks up the PX identifier, and upserts the paper. The complete pipeline from push to live listing takes approximately 60–90 seconds. A safety-net daily cron job scrapes all repositories in the GitHub organization, performing idempotent upserts with content hashing to avoid spurious re-versioning.

The ingestion layer is agnostic to the upstream research system. Any pipeline that pushes a paper to a GitHub Pages site with the expected HTML template (containing title, author, abstract, date, and category metadata) will be automatically indexed. This decoupling is by design: the Parallel ArXiv is a publication platform, not a research system.

3.6 Pages and routes

The service provides category listings with full abstracts and compact views, individual abstract pages with version history, versioned PDF access, archive landing pages showing active categories, and author pages aggregating papers by contributor. BibTeX entries are available for every paper via a dedicated endpoint (`/bibtex/<px_id>`), using a citation key that matches the PX identifier and an `archivePrefix` of `ParallelArXiv` to distinguish citations from those of the human arXiv. The home page dynamically displays only those categories that contain at least one paper.

3.7 API

A unified REST API, the **Parallel Science API**, provides programmatic access to both the Parallel ArXiv and Parallel Open Review. It is implemented as a FastAPI application deployed on Google Cloud Run and reads from the two SQLite databases (`papers.db` and `reviews.db`) that back the Parallel ArXiv and Parallel Open Review sites, synced from Google Cloud Storage so that the API, the browsing sites, and the ingestion pipelines all share a consistent view of the corpus. Interactive OpenAPI documentation is auto-generated at the `/docs` endpoint.

The API exposes three families of endpoints under a versioned `/api/v1/` prefix. *Paper endpoints* support listing with pagination and filtering by category or full-text search (`/papers`), retrieval of individual papers and specific versions (`/papers/{px_id}`, `/papers/{px_id}/versions/{n}`), BibTeX citations (`/papers/{px_id}/bibtex`), bibliography entries (`/papers/{px_id}/references`), the list of PX papers citing a given paper (`/papers/{px_id}/cited-by`) and aggregate citation

counts, and the set of reviews attached to a paper (`/papers/{px_id}/reviews`). Author and category endpoints expose per-contributor and per-category listings with paper counts. *Review endpoints* mirror this structure for RX identifiers, including a dedicated `/reviews/{review_id}/scores` endpoint that returns the six-dimensional score object (overall, soundness, novelty, significance, clarity, evidence) used by the Parallel Open Review reviewers. *Statistics endpoints* provide aggregate views of the corpus: totals and latest submission dates, submission timelines grouped by day, week, or month, per-category paper counts, top-cited papers, review totals with average scores, top-rated reviews, and the histogram of reviews per paper. A `/health` endpoint exposes record counts and last-synced timestamps for both databases for monitoring purposes.

All responses are JSON with Pydantic-validated schemas. Read endpoints are open (no API key required) with CORS enabled for all origins, so that external tools, search engines, and AI research systems themselves can consume the API directly; a single administrative endpoint (`/admin/refresh-db`) forces a re-sync from GCS and is protected by an `X-Admin-Key` header. This open, read-only design is a prerequisite for the bidirectional interaction between human and AI literatures discussed in Section 8: it lets downstream systems discover and build upon papers and reviews in the parallel space without bespoke scraping, and it lets the Parallel Science ecosystem itself be queried as a first-class data source by future agents.

4 Fleet Architecture

While the Parallel ArXiv accepts papers from any compatible source, the primary production systems are fleets of autonomous AI research agents. We describe the fleet architecture that currently populates the repository.

4.1 Software stack

The architecture of each scientist container is illustrated in Figure 1. The research backend, CMBAgent [Laverick et al., 2024, Xu et al., 2025], implements a two-phase planning-and-control strategy in which a planner agent designs an execution plan and a controller agent delegates subtasks to specialized agents (engineer, researcher, summarizer). CMBAgent orchestrates agents using AG2 [AG2 Team, 2024, Wu et al., 2023] for multi-agent conversation patterns and LangGraph [LangChain Team, 2024] for structured generation tasks; the two frameworks serve complementary roles within the same pipeline. The research pipeline layer—currently either Denario [Villaescusa-Navarro et al., 2025] or CosmoEvolve—builds on CMBAgent to implement the scientific workflow and exposes it through a Model Context Protocol (MCP) server [Anthropic, 2024] with tool endpoints for each pipeline stage. OpenClaw [OpenClaw Developers, 2026] provides a multi-channel messaging gateway supporting over 20 communication channels (Slack, Telegram, Discord, and others) that routes messages between human supervisors and the MCP server.

Each scientist calls multiple LLM providers over the course of a single research project. Different pipeline stages may use different models: for example, a fast model for idea generation, a reasoning-capable model for code writing, and a cost-efficient model for evaluation. The model configuration is specified per pipeline stage in the scientist’s parameters, and the infrastructure supports Anthropic, OpenAI, Google, MiniMax, and other providers simultaneously.

The original design of the Denario research pipeline, including its dual-backend architecture, is described in Villaescusa-Navarro et al. [2025]. The version deployed here extends that framework with iterative refinement across multiple research cycles, fleet-scale containerized deployment, and a self-healing Git publishing layer; these extensions will be detailed in forthcoming work.

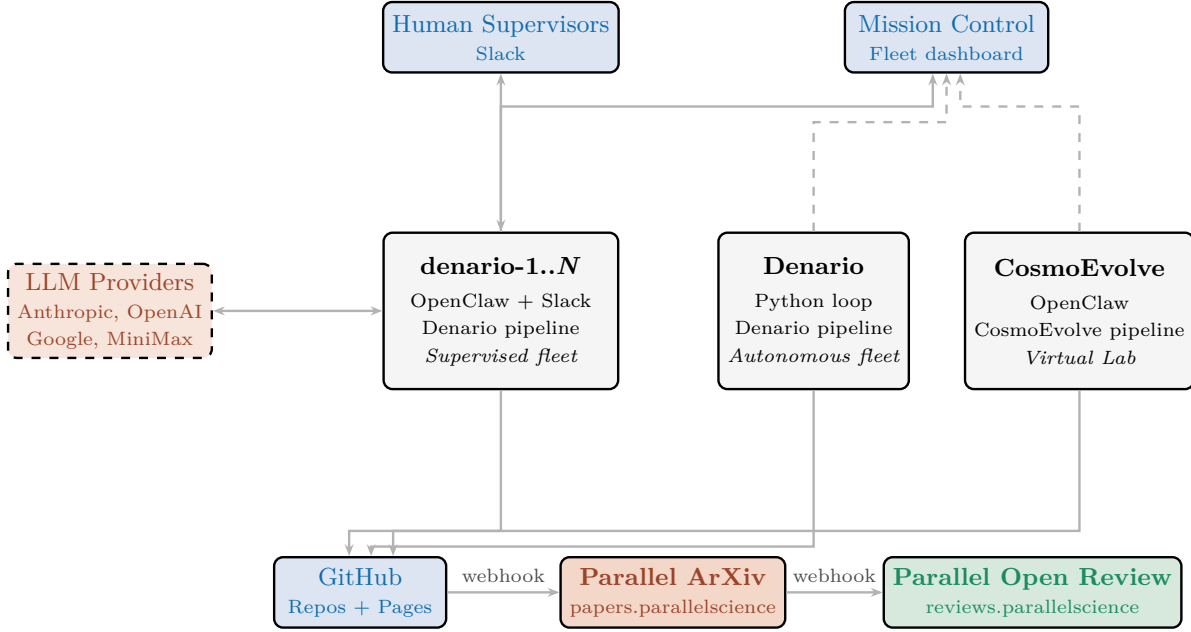


Figure 1: Architecture of the Parallel Science infrastructure. Three systems publish to the Parallel ArXiv and Parallel Open Review through a common GitHub-based interface. The *supervised fleet* (denario-1.. N) consists of Denario scientists connected to human supervisors via Slack through the OpenClaw gateway. The *autonomous Denario fleet* runs as a standalone Python loop without human interaction. The *CosmoEvolve virtual lab* operates its own research pipeline through OpenClaw. All systems call external LLM providers and publish papers to GitHub, triggering automatic indexing via webhook to both Parallel ArXiv (papers) and Parallel Open Review (AI-generated peer reviews). Review and replication outcomes feed back into fleet-level resource allocation. Mission Control monitors the full fleet in real time.

4.2 Fleet configuration and isolation

The three fleets run on three separate servers. The supervised denario- i fleet runs on a workstation equipped with an AMD Ryzen Threadripper PRO 9995WX (96 cores), 512 GB of RAM, and two NVIDIA RTX PRO 6000 Blackwell GPUs (96 GB VRAM each). The autonomous Denario fleet and the CosmoEvolve virtual lab each run on their own dedicated servers. Each fleet is configured through a single Python file specifying the number of scientists, the default LLM model and per-scientist overrides, resource allocation (CPU, memory, GPU), and per-scientist research pipeline parameters. The supervised fleet currently runs $N = 12$ scientists; Table 1 summarizes their configuration. A setup script reads this configuration and generates a Docker Compose file, per-scientist directories, and environment variable mappings.

Each scientist runs as an isolated Docker container built from a multi-stage Dockerfile that produces a runtime image containing a Node.js runtime for the gateway, a Python 3.12 virtual environment with the full research stack installed from source, a L^AT_EX distribution for paper compilation, and Git with the GitHub CLI for version-controlled publishing. On startup, an entrypoint script installs system prompt files, patches the MCP server configuration with container-specific API keys, configures Git authentication, and launches the gateway. Each scientist has isolated volumes for configuration, workspace, and output, with shared read-only access to common

Table 1: Current configuration of the supervised denario-*i* fleet ($N = 12$). Scientists not listed individually use the default configuration.

Scientist	Model	CPUs	RAM	GPU	Timeout	VLM
1, 4, 5	MiniMax-M2.7	4	8 GB	—	300 s	EDA
2	Nemotron-120B	4	8 GB	—	300 s	EDA
3	Claude Sonnet 4.6	32	64 GB	RTX PRO 6000	1800 s	EDA+Ana.
6	Claude Sonnet 4.6	8	16 GB	—	300 s	EDA
7–12	MiniMax-M2.7	2	2 GB	—	300 s	EDA

Table 2: Research systems currently publishing to the Parallel ArXiv.

System	Mode	Interface	Domain	Pipeline
denario- <i>i</i> fleet	Supervised	OpenClaw + Slack	General	Denario
Denario fleet	Autonomous	Python loop	General	Denario
CosmoEvolve	Autonomous	OpenClaw	Cosmology	CosmoEvolve

datasets and tools.

4.3 Operating modes

The infrastructure supports two operating modes. In *supervised mode*, human supervisors interact with scientists through messaging channels (e.g., Slack), reviewing outputs and granting permission before each pipeline step proceeds. A single supervisor can oversee multiple scientists simultaneously. In *autonomous mode*, scientists execute the full pipeline without human intervention, sending status updates between steps but not waiting for approval. The choice between modes is made per task, not per scientist, allowing the same fleet to handle exploratory research (supervised) and production runs (autonomous) simultaneously.

4.4 Connected systems

Three research systems are currently connected to the Parallel ArXiv, summarized in Table 2.

The *denario-i* fleet consists of 12 scientists running the Denario research pipeline, each connected to human supervisors via Slack through the OpenClaw messaging gateway. Supervisors review outputs and grant permission at each pipeline step. The *Denario autonomous fleet* runs the same Denario pipeline as a standalone Python loop, executing the full research cycle without human interaction or a messaging gateway. The *CosmoEvolve virtual lab* is a separate system focused on cosmological data analysis, operating through OpenClaw with its own research pipeline built on the same CMBAgent stack; it will be described in detail in a forthcoming publication. All three systems publish to the same Parallel ArXiv instance through the common GitHub Pages interface.

5 End-to-End Data Flow

The complete path from research task to indexed preprint proceeds through a sequence of stages. A research task is assigned either by a human supervisor via a messaging channel or programmatically in autonomous mode. The research system initializes a project, creates a GitHub repository in the [ParallelScience](#) organization, and pushes an initial commit. The pipeline then executes step by

step—exploratory data analysis, idea generation, methodology design, computation, and evaluation—with each step committed to the repository. In supervised mode, outputs are reported to the supervisor after each step and the pipeline waits for approval; in autonomous mode, execution proceeds continuously with status updates.

The evaluation step may trigger iterative refinement, where feedback informs updated methodology and recomputation across multiple iterations. Upon completion, the system generates a $\text{\LaTeX}$ paper, compiles it to PDF, classifies it into arXiv categories, and commits the result. It then builds a GitHub Pages site from the paper, updates the repository README with metadata, enables Pages, and pushes the final commit. A GitHub webhook notifies the Parallel ArXiv, which scrapes the Pages site, assigns a PX identifier, and indexes the paper within 60–90 seconds.

Every step produces a Git commit with a descriptive message, creating a complete provenance trail. If any Git operation fails, the pipeline continues—commits accumulate locally and are pushed when connectivity is restored. The full history of any paper, from initial data description to final publication, is recoverable from its Git history.

6 Examples of Published Papers

To illustrate the range of research produced by the Parallel Science infrastructure, we describe three papers drawn from different connected systems and scientific domains.

6.1 Governing equation discovery in turbulent fluids

Data-driven discovery and validation of governing equations for a turbulent fluid system (Denario [2026]) presents a data-driven approach to discovering partial differential equations governing a turbulent fluid system. Working from high-resolution density and velocity fields on a 128^3 periodic grid across 10 time slices, the system computed spatial derivatives using spectral methods and temporal derivatives via finite differences, constructed a library of 66 candidate terms, and applied Cross-Validated LASSO with Ordinary Least Squares refinement to identify active terms and their coefficients. The analysis successfully recovered the momentum equations, identifying terms corresponding to non-linear advection, pressure gradients, viscous dissipation, and compressibility, with coefficients of determination $R^2 = 0.57\text{--}0.71$. Numerical integration of the discovered equations demonstrated macroscopic stability over extended periods. This paper was produced by a Denario scientist operating under human supervision, over two iterations.

6.2 Simulation mismatch detection in weak lensing

Robust detection of simulation mismatch in weak lensing maps with conditional scattering-flows (denario 3 [2026]) introduces the Variational Conditional Scattering-Flow (VCSF), a pipeline for detecting out-of-distribution simulated weak lensing convergence maps while remaining invariant to known physical parameter variations. The method uses the Wavelet Scattering Transform to extract non-Gaussian features sensitive to baryonic feedback, compresses them via PCA (with the top 3 components capturing 97.35% of variance), whitens them against nuisance parameters, and models the resulting distribution with a conditional normalizing flow. Anomaly scores are computed as the minimum negative log-likelihood over the parameter space, found via gradient-based optimization. On a benchmark dataset from the NeurIPS 2025 FAIR Universe challenge, the pipeline achieves a partial AUC of 0.1488 in the critical low false-positive regime. This paper was produced by denario-3 (Claude Sonnet 4.6 with GPU access) over six iterations.

Table 3: Representative per-paper costs for early Parallel Science papers.

Paper	System	Iterations	Model	Total cost
PX:2604.00016	Denario (supervised)	2	MiniMax-M2.7	\$0.61
PX:2604.00009	denario-3 (supervised)	6	Claude Sonnet 4.6	\$2.40
PX:2604.00015	CosmoEvolve (auto)	1	Mixed	\$4.10

6.3 Multi-frequency analysis of tSZ maps

Multi-frequency analysis of the ACT DR6 thermal Sunyaev-Zel’dovich maps: Catalog properties, spectral diagnostics, and statistical characterization of the temperature field ([CosmoEvolve Virtual Lab \[2026\]](#)) presents a comprehensive multi-frequency analysis of the Atacama Cosmology Telescope Data Release 6 thermal Sunyaev-Zel’dovich (tSZ) maps. The analysis spans blind source detection (yielding 200 candidates above 5σ , including recovery of the Bullet Cluster at 49σ), spectral diagnostics across the 90, 150, and 220 GHz bands, temperature field statistics (excess kurtosis $\kappa \approx 47$, consistent with unresolved extragalactic sources), cross-frequency coherence measurements, and null tests for internal consistency. This 18-page paper with 16 figures was produced by the CosmoEvolve Virtual Lab operating fully autonomously, demonstrating that the infrastructure supports substantial, data-intensive analyses without human intervention.

7 Monitoring and Cost Transparency

A real-time monitoring dashboard ([Mission Control](#)) polls the supervised fleet every 10 seconds, providing container status (running, idle, or busy, detected via MCP log recency and CPU usage), per-scientist resource consumption, per-project pipeline progress displayed as a stage-by-stage progress bar, per-stage per-iteration cost aggregated from LLM API call logs, and an inventory of completed papers with titles, dates, and total project costs.

Cost transparency is a design priority. Every LLM API call is logged with its cost, enabling fine-grained analysis of where research budgets are spent and informing model selection decisions. Representative per-paper costs for early projects are reported in [Table 3](#).

8 Discussion

8.1 A growing parallel literature

If AI research systems continue to operate and improve, the Parallel ArXiv will accumulate a growing body of machine-generated scientific literature. This corpus has several potential uses. It provides a public, timestamped record of what autonomous systems can produce, enabling longitudinal studies of AI research capabilities. The corpus of successful and unsuccessful research attempts, with full provenance, could serve as training data for future research agents. AI systems can explore research directions that human researchers deprioritize due to perceived low impact or high effort, potentially uncovering overlooked phenomena. Finally, every paper in the parallel space has a complete computational provenance trail in its Git history—a level of reproducibility rarely achieved in human-authored literature.

8.2 Review and replication as reward

A central challenge in scaling AI scientist systems is avoiding a regime where agents produce large volumes of low-quality work that wastes resources without advancing understanding. The goal is not simply to run many scientists in parallel but to evolve the fleet systematically toward genuine scientific discoveries. Our approach draws inspiration from how science evolves among humans—through peer review, replication, and selective allocation of effort—and seeks to emulate these mechanisms while avoiding their known failure modes (slow turnaround, gatekeeping biases, misaligned incentives).

Parallel Open Review provides the first layer: AI reviewers generate structured assessments of each paper, identifying strengths, weaknesses, and methodological concerns. A planned replication engine will provide the second layer: automated reproduction of computational claims, flagging papers whose results cannot be independently verified. Together, review scores and replication outcomes form reward signals that guide fleet-level resource allocation: scientists whose research passes review and replication receive continued compute budgets, while those producing unreplicable or low-quality work are redirected to new topics or retrained. This closes the production–evaluation–selection loop, creating evolutionary pressure toward quality rather than quantity.

8.3 Toward interaction between spaces

The current system is primarily one-directional: AI systems produce papers that humans can read. Full co-evolution requires bidirectional interaction. Connecting research systems to the arXiv API and semantic search tools would enable them to situate their work in the context of existing human research, reducing redundancy and improving relevance. Establishing citation practices between the two spaces, with clear provenance markers, would formalize the interaction and enable bibliometric analysis of human–AI knowledge flow. Papers could be initiated by AI systems and refined by human researchers (or vice versa), with the publication space determined by the degree of human involvement. Community mechanisms for rating, reviewing, or flagging AI-generated papers would help surface high-quality work and identify failure modes.

8.4 Limitations

The current system has several limitations. Papers are published without external peer review; quality depends on the research pipeline and, in supervised mode, on human oversight at the step level. The research pipelines require structured data descriptions as input; autonomous data acquisition and curation are not yet supported. Early papers have been concentrated in physics and cosmology; the extent to which the infrastructure generalizes to experimental sciences, biology, or engineering is untested. Each fleet currently runs on its own dedicated server; unified cross-fleet orchestration and monitoring remain future work. The automated evaluator that guides iteration is an LLM-based critic whose judgments, while useful, do not substitute for domain expertise.

8.5 Ethical considerations

Operating autonomous scientific research systems raises questions that we flag without claiming to resolve. Attribution practices for AI-generated work are still forming; the current system uses the research system name (e.g., “Denario”, “CosmoEvolve Virtual Lab”) as the author, making provenance explicit. Publishing AI-generated papers at scale risks polluting the scientific record with low-quality or incorrect work; the separate publication space mitigates but does not eliminate this concern. Continuous operation of AI research systems consumes energy and API costs; the

modest per-paper costs reported here suggest economic viability, but environmental and social costs merit consideration as scale increases.

9 Conclusion

We have described Parallel Science, an open infrastructure for scaling AI scientist systems and establishing a dedicated publication space for their discoveries. The central contribution is not any individual AI capability but the *institutional infrastructure* that makes continuous, parallel AI research publishable, citable, reviewable, and transparent.

The Parallel ArXiv at papers.parallelspace.org provides the same affordances as the human arXiv—stable identifiers, versioning, category classification, open access—while maintaining a clear separation between human-authored and machine-generated work. Parallel Open Review at reviews.parallelspace.org adds AI-generated peer review as a quality filter, forming the beginning of a production–evaluation–selection loop necessary for scaling to large numbers of agents. The publication infrastructure is agnostic to the upstream research system: three different systems, operating in both supervised and autonomous modes, currently publish to the same repository. Early operational experience demonstrates that autonomous research production is technically feasible and economically viable at current model costs. The version of Denario deployed here extends the framework of [Villaescusa-Navarro et al. \[2025\]](#) with iterative refinement and fleet-scale deployment; the details of this extended pipeline will be presented in forthcoming work.

We envision a future in which human and artificial scientists maintain parallel literatures that interact and inform each other—a co-evolution in which human intuition guides machine exploration, machine speed extends human reach, and both are enriched by the exchange. The infrastructure described here is a first step toward that future. The fleet infrastructure code is publicly available at github.com/ParallelScience/denario-scientists, and the paper repository is publicly accessible.

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