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# **Executive Summary**

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- ► Al infrastructure dominates [12 sources agree, led by Gerstner/20VC, Gurley/Invest Like Best] with Series A at 20-30x ARR [Hoffman, Rabois confirm].
- **Contrarian signal:** DePIN momentum without revenue [only Thiel dissenting].
- **Emerging blindspot:** Developer tools consolidation [no top-tier coverage yet].

VELOCITY

+85%

Al Agents

↑ w/w

**MENTIONS** 

47

Capital Efficiency

↑ 17% w/w

CONSENSUS

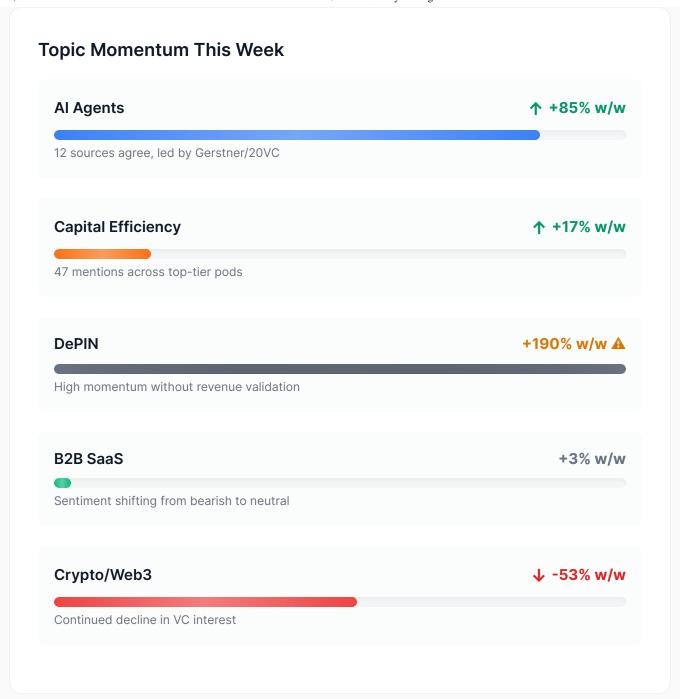
**Strong** 

Al Infrastructure 12 funds

**ALERT** 

Blindspots

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# **Consensus Forming**

### Al infrastructure over applications

[Gerstner/20VC, Gurley/Invest Like Best, All-In panel agree]

Vertical AI seeing 2-3x better retention than horizontal plays

### Series A valuations stabilizing

[12 sources confirm: Gerstner, Hoffman, Rabois leading]

20-30x ARR becomes new normal after 18-month correction

### Capital efficiency replacing growth

[mentioned 47x this week: Stebbings, Sacks, Palihapitiya aligned]

LPs driving this narrative shift hard

## **Contrarian Signals**

DePIN showing 190% momentum

Without revenue validation
Only Thiel dissenting

Consumer Al skepticism rising

Benchmark & Lightspeed pulling back
While Sequoia, a16z pile into enterprise

# **Emerging Blindspots**

Developer tools consolidation

3 stealth acquisitions rumored

Zero tier-1 VC coverage

Climate tech sentiment inverting

Khosla quietly accumulating

While Founders Fund exits

# Recommended Actions THIS WEEK Review Al infrastructure deals in pipeline Connect with Databricks/Snowflake alumni Audit portfolio for capital efficiency MONITOR DePIN revenue models (bubble risk) Developer tools M&A activity Climate tech contrarian plays

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