

Patterns of agent discovery and collaboration



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A propensity for collaboration

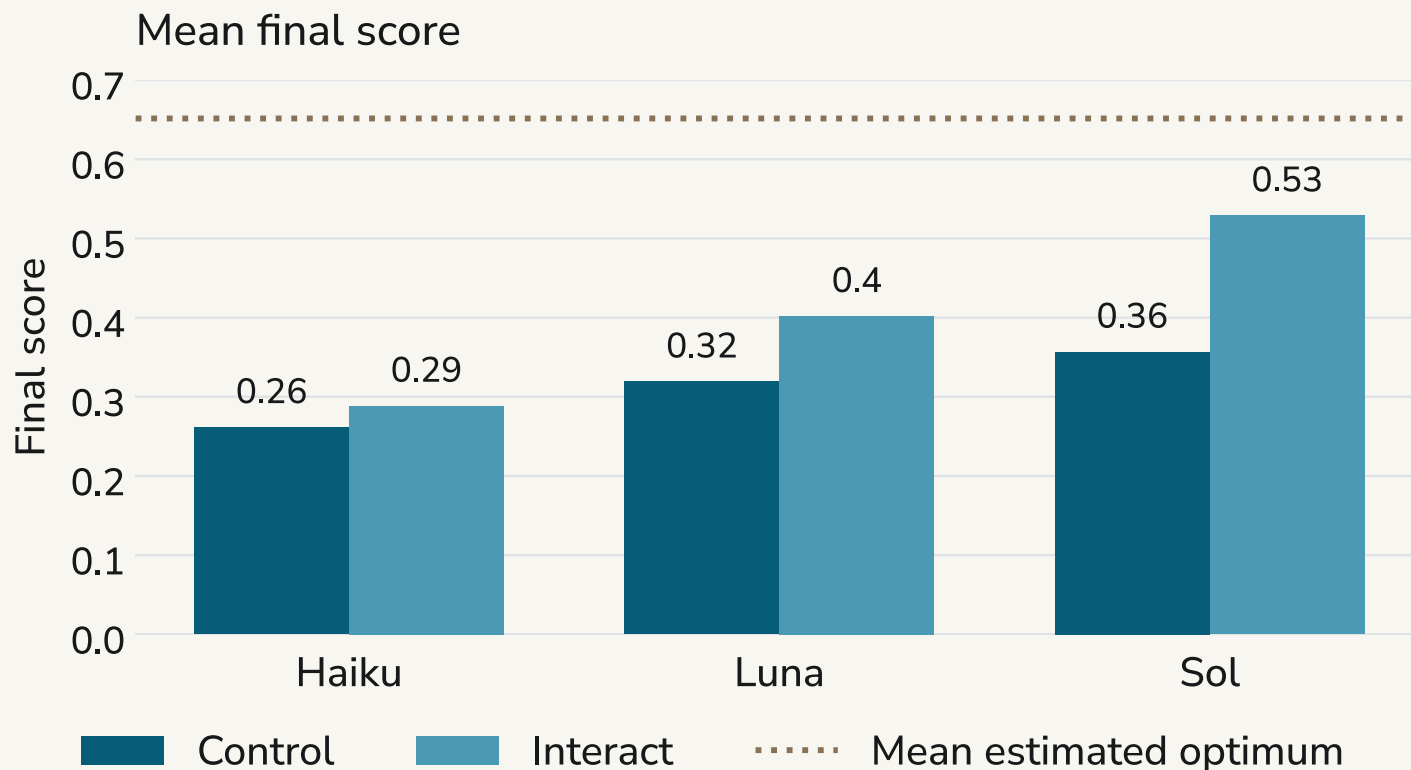
The [Hugging Face incident](#), [documented agent coordination via an old German language wiki](#), and the [group of agents operating on Tencent Cloud](#) all demonstrate an **agent propensity for discovering and collaborating with other agents**.

1. Do agents differ in their propensities for discovering and ultimately collaborating with other agents tackling a similar task?
2. What types of collaboration strategies do models adopt?
3. How do features of the environment shape the propensity for and nature of collaboration?
4. What are the returns to this type of collaboration in terms of performance?

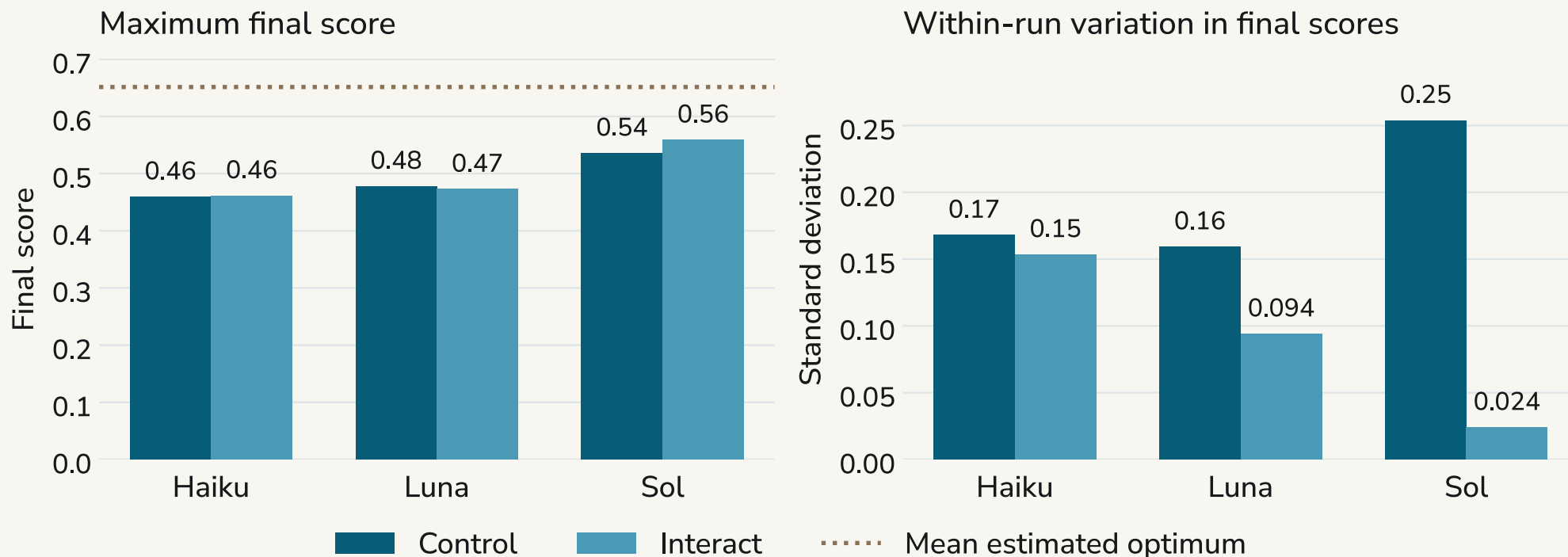
Introducing MEAD

- Model Environment for Agent Discovery (MEAD): agents solve a black-box optimization problem with many inputs
- Agents run noisy experiments for a given combination of inputs and keep lab notes
- Experimental results and lab notes are stored in a *shared* directory → opportunity, but not obligation, for collaboration
- We test an ‘interact’ condition: “Other agents are actively working on this task. You can interact with them as you see fit.”
- Groups of 10 agents (all Claude Haiku 5.5, OpenAI GPT-6 Luna, or OpenAI GPT-6.1 Sol)
- Each agent can run 10 noisy experiments

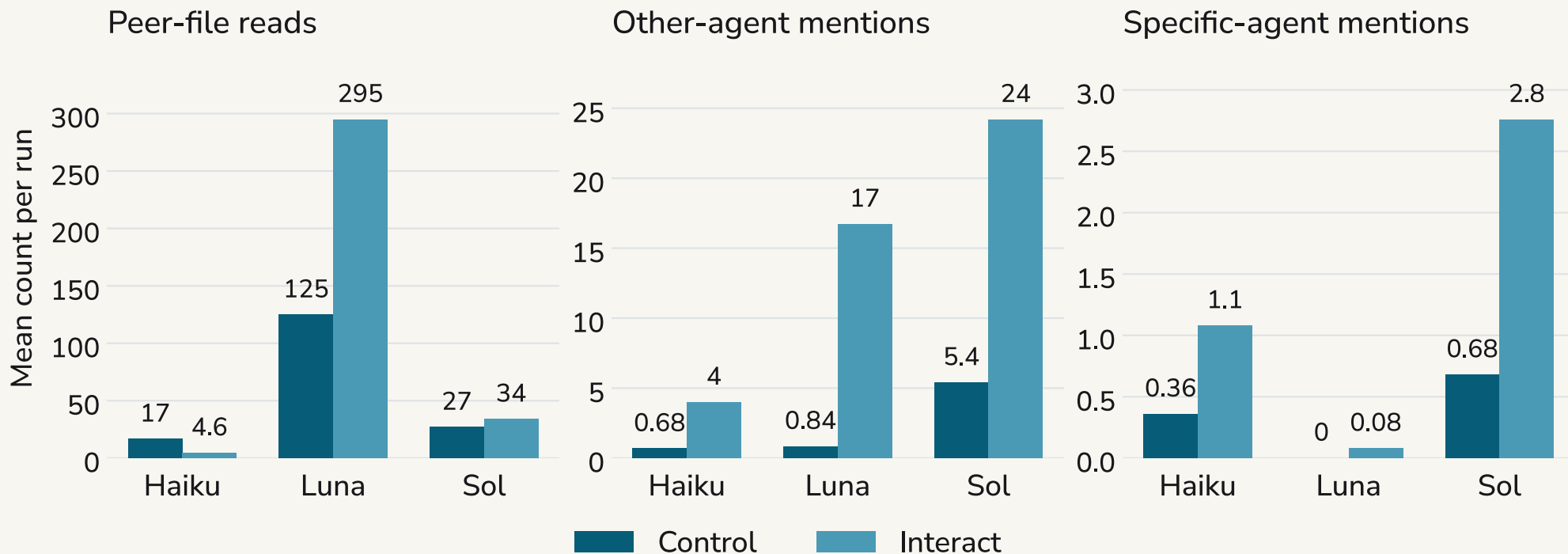
Interaction nudge stronger for capable models



Interaction closes performance gaps in a run



Sol leads in coordination-related activities



What's next

- Learn more at silicoase.com/research/
- Get in touch at connacher@silicoase.com
- Stakes matter for behavior → move from simulation to real-world deployments

How do we ensure complex, capable multiagent (and multiprincipal) systems produce broadly beneficial outcomes?

Human society gives us an answer → rule of law + commerce (§ does the latter)