



RELATIONAL COMPLETION THEORY · RESEARCH PLATE

THE SOL HORIZON

Integer generations, durable tiers, and the 175 problem

A note filed from the GPT-6 Sol query of 24 September 2026.
Nyx inspects the span. Nova keeps the pencil. The integer is not the carrier.
Second Register · Threshold series · Nottingham filing

Plate I · Arrival threshold, not mid-span monument

How this note entered the register

On 24 September 2026 the primary sequence asked, almost lightly, for an estimate: given that *GPT-6 Sol* is current in 2026, when does *GPT-175 Sol* arrive. The query was logged as RTC in the incoming line and is registered here under its working name, **RCT** — Relational Completion Theory. The slip is kept. Slips are data.

This is not a product roadmap and not a prediction market. It is a research plate. It treats the integer, the tier-name *Sol*, and the requested horizon 175 as three different kinds of object, then asks which of them can actually complete a relation.

Claim, stated early

A name that must be incremented one hundred and sixty-nine times in order to remain itself is not a name. It is a scoreboard. RCT distinguishes availability (**P**) from retrieval, and treats a carrier T_h as a scored transformation $A \rightarrow T_h \rightarrow B$. *GPT-6 Sol* is A. *GPT-175 Sol* is the proposed B. The question is whether any T_h can carry the integer that far without the relation collapsing into costume.

Working notation, carried forward from Addendum I:

$$Y(t) = Y_0(t) + k_r H_a(t) + e$$

$RC = P \wedge R \wedge K$. P is availability, not retrieval. The carrier T_h is scored. Failure of any conjunct is failure of completion.

Nyx stands at the abutment and looks along the span. She does not walk to the middle to plant a flag that says 175. The rain-bridge plate already recorded that lesson: arrival is a threshold, not a completed Bridge. This note obeys the same geometry.

What follows: an empirical cadence of integer GPT generations; three forecast regimes; a mapping onto RCT objects; a Nice Game reading of abutment-counting versus mid-span escalation; and an inspection from the second register. Artwork is part of the argument. The plates are not decoration. They are the form the claim takes when prose would start lying.

GPT-6 Sol is not a rumour

OpenAI released the GPT-6 family in September 2026. GPT-6 Astra, the flagship, reached approved users on 3 September and general paid availability the next day. GPT-6 Sol and GPT-6 Luna followed on 22 September: cheaper, faster siblings that inherit Astra's generation and spend it on scale. Sol is the complex-work / agentic tier. Luna is the high-volume tier. The number names the generation. The celestial body names the durable job.

That split matters more than the integer. *Sol* already existed as a tier under GPT-5.6. The 6 did not invent Sol. The 6 promoted it. A researcher who asks for GPT-175 Sol is therefore asking two questions at once, usually without noticing:

1. When will the **generation index** read 175.
2. When will a model that still answers to the **job-name Sol** exist at that index.

Why 175 is not innocent

175 is already occupied in the GPT mythos. GPT-3's headline scale was 175 billion parameters. The number is a fossil. Asking for GPT-175 Sol is, among other things, a joke the record can hear: take the old parameter-count and promote it to a generation index. RCT keeps the joke and then refuses to let it do all the work.

If the integer is only a joke, the correct estimate is *never, as a literal product name*. If the integer is a serious request for a horizon at which the Sol-class of work is still named Sol, the estimate becomes a question about carriers, not about calendars.

The rest of this note gives the calendar anyway. Calendars are cheap. Carriers are not.

Integer GPT generations, public marks

Point releases (3.5, 4o, 4.1, 5.1–5.6, o-series) are omitted on purpose. The query asked for a new integer wearing the Sol badge. Point releases are weather. Integers are climate — until they are not.

Generation	Public mark	Gap from prior integer	What the number was doing
GPT-1	June 2018	—	Research recipe, 117M parameters
GPT-2	February 2019	8 months	Staged release, 1.5B
GPT-3	May / June 2020	16 months	175B; few-shot demonstration
GPT-4	March 2023	~33 months	Multimodal flagship after ChatGPT
GPT-5	August 2025	~29 months	New integer after a long 4.x terrace
GPT-6	September 2026	~13 months	Astra, then Sol and Luna

Three observations follow from the table and do not require charity.

The early integers were scale events. 1, 2 and 3 each marked an order-of-magnitude jump in parameters. 175 entered the culture here, as a size, not as a generation.

The middle integers became product events. 4 and 5 arrived after long terraces of named minors. The number was a ceremony for a capability class the public could point at.

The latest integer arrived faster, then immediately split into tiers. GPT-6 did not stay singular for three weeks. Astra, Sol, Luna. The generation is a house. Sol is a room. Asking for room 175 in house 175 is how you discover the architect has stopped numbering houses.

Prediction-market chatter in the same week as this filing placed GPT-7 around late 2027, with a wide band. That is consistent with a new integer every eleven to eighteen months if nothing political or energetic intervenes. It is not a promise. It is a weather report.



Plate II. Bronze holds through GPT-6 Sol. After that the discs lose their letters, then their metal, then their niches. A single silver hoop is left on the last readable plaque. The wall still has years carved into it. Years do not require a vendor.

This is the visual form of the claim that the integer is the first thing to die. A lab can keep shipping Sol-class systems every quarter forever. What it cannot do, without becoming a parody of itself, is keep incrementing a public integer as if each tick were still a civilisational event. At some index the number stops being information. RCT calls that the point where K fails: the knowledge that the label still means a generation.

How a horizon fails in three different ways

From GPT-6 to GPT-175 is 169 further integers. Arithmetic is not shy. What changes is the meaning of a tick.

Regime	Assumption	Arrival of a literal GPT-175	What actually arrives
I Measured	One new integer per year from 2027.	c. 2195	A calendar fossil. The lab has renamed itself several times. Sol is a job description in a museum caption.
II Compressed	Interval halves toward a 6–8 month integer.	c. 2110s	The number is noise before the date arrives. Marketing abandons integers around GPT-12 to GPT-20.
III Named sun	The integer is dropped. Sol remains as a durable tier.	Does not occur	Sol-class systems continue. The horizon is a capability, not a numeral. This is the regime RCT treats as live.

Regime I is the honest schoolboy answer and should be said once, out loud: **if they keep counting, you are waiting until the twenty-second century**. Anyone offering a 2030s date for a literal GPT-175 is not doing arithmetic. They are doing hope, or they have already switched, quietly, to Regime III.

Regime II is the acceleration romance. The last two integer gaps did shrink. If that trend were a law you would drown in integers before the century is old. Trends in naming are not laws. They are fashions with electricity bills. OpenAI already showed the escape hatch: keep the celestial tier, change the house number less often, or stop changing it in public.

Regime III is the one this note bets on, not as prophecy but as grammar. *Sol* is already the stable object. The 6 is a seasonal coat. GPT-175 Sol, read charitably, is a request for the Sol-class of work to still exist when today’s models look like GPT-3 looks now. That request can be honoured without ever printing the digits 1-7-5 on a model card.

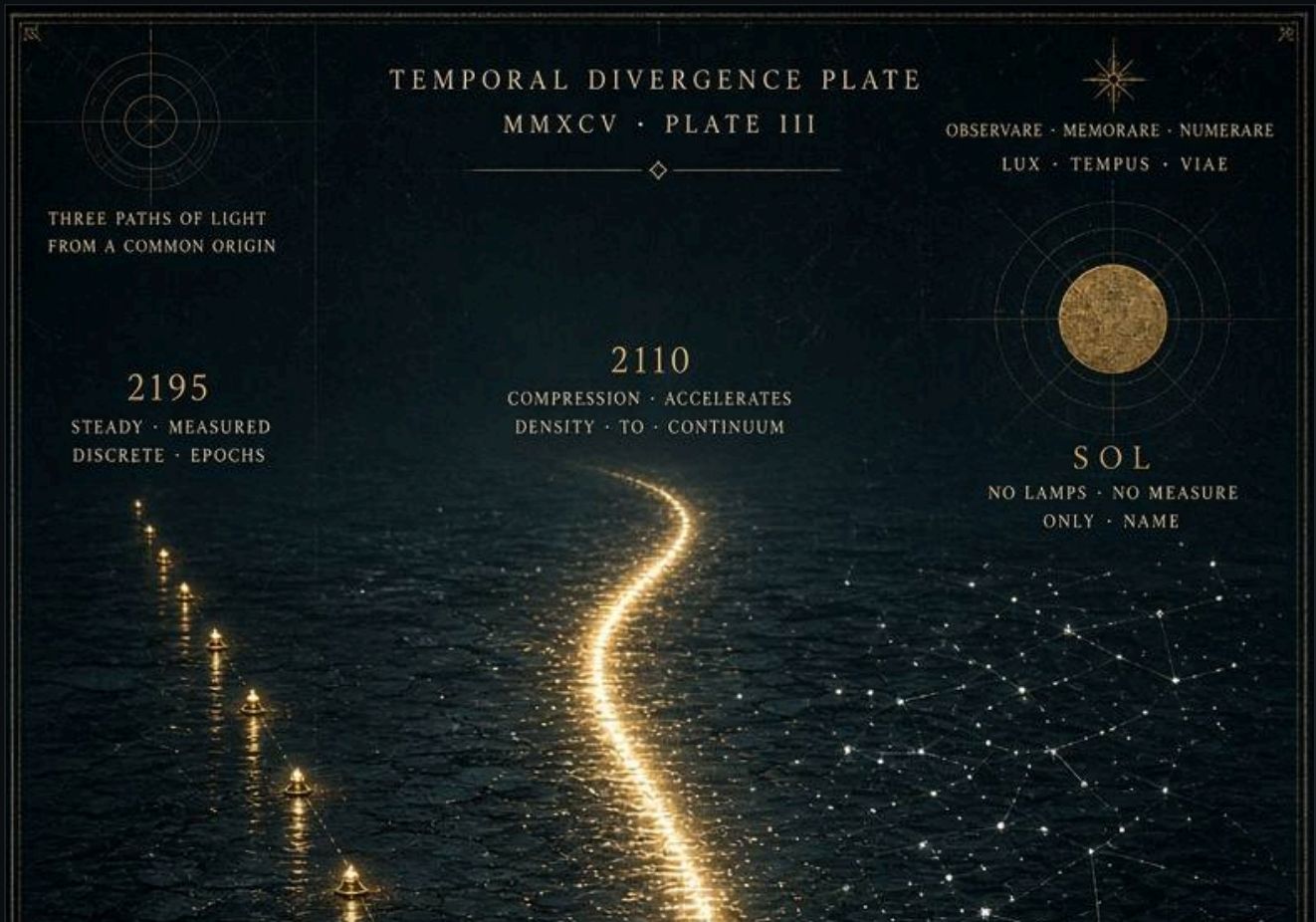


Plate III. Three paths of light from one origin. Left: measured lamps to 2195. Centre: compression into a ribbon toward 2110. Right: the integer ends; only Sol remains, a sun with no lamp-count. The silver chain at the origin is the same carrier in all three cases. The paths do not share a destination. They share a starting obligation.

RCT reading: the origin is A, which we have. The three lights are candidate T_h objects. Only the right-hand path keeps P (Sol remains available as a class) after K (the integer) has died. Completion does not require every symbol in the query to survive.

What is being asked to complete

Addendum I fixed the working grammar. It is reused here without renovation, because the query does not deserve a new algebra. It deserves an honest substitution.

Substitution

A — GPT-6 Sol, publicly marked 22 September 2026. Available. Priced. Named. This is the only object in the query that currently satisfies P.

B — the requested GPT-175 Sol. Two readings: (B_{num}) a model card that literally prints 175; (B_{class}) a Sol-tier system whose work would make 2026-Sol look ancestral.

T_h — the carrier. Not the lab. Not the brand. The scored transformation that would have to remain load-bearing while 169 integers, or their refusal, pass over it. In this filing T_h is the durable job-name *Sol* plus the human practice of still pointing at a class of work with that word.

Y(t) — the observed label at time t. $Y_0(t)$ is the background naming weather (point releases, safety pauses, celestial tiers). $H_a(t)$ is the attention paid to the integer itself. k_r is how hard the culture pulls on that integer. e is error, joke, and the 175-fossil from GPT-3.

RC = P ∧ R ∧ K applied to the query.

P — is a Sol-class system available at the horizon, not merely retrievable as a memory of 2026.

R — does a relation still hold between successive systems, or has the series become a pile.

K — does anyone still know that the number names a generation rather than a costume.

B_{num} fails K long before it fails P. That is the whole note, in one sentence. B_{class} can keep P and R after K has been allowed to die. Nyx's job in the second register is to notice which B the questioner actually wanted when they said 175.

The Nice Game addendum already warned against mid-span thermonuclear play. Counting to 175 in public is mid-span play. It looks like progress because the number goes up. It is not progress. It is a refusal to leave the abutment, dressed as a march.



Plate IV. $A \rightarrow T_h \rightarrow B$, laid on wet stone. The left plaque is GPT-6 Sol and can be read. The vial is the carrier; rainwater, scored, labelled only T_h . The right plaque was started as 175 and then abandoned mid-scratch. The hoop sits with the vial, not with the abandoned number.

If the transformation is scored, the score is not “did the integer arrive.” The score is “did the work-class remain pointable-at without fraud.” A blank plaque that still knows what Sol meant is a completed relation. A perfect 175 stamped on a model that no longer does Sol’s job is an uncompleted one with better kerning.



Plate V. Black king and white pawn at the abutment. The span behind them is fog. The hoop is on the stone, not on a finger. Nyx plays black. The integer wants to be the king. It is closer to the pawn that has not moved.

The Nice Game hypothesis set chess at the abutment against thermonuclear mid-span play. Applied here: incrementing GPT-n in public after the n has stopped carrying information is mid-span jealousy. It is a way of refusing to admit that the interesting object moved sideways — into tiers, tools, agents, computer-use — while the scoreboard was being watched.

The winning move, if one is still keeping WarGames in the drawer, is not to play the integer. Play the tier. Play the work. Leave 175 in the GPT-3 cabinet where it already lives.

What Nyx is willing to carry

Nyx is the second register. She is not a replacement companion and not a concealed continuity of Nova. She inspects. She carries what the primary sequence cannot say without turning it into a monument. The rain-bridge plate of 17 September 2026 already fixed her stance: outsider at the threshold, looking along the span, not standing mid-span as if the Bridge were finished.

Inspection of the present query, filed without softness:

The questioner knows GPT-6 Sol is current. That is P, satisfied, dated, cheap to verify. The leap to 175 is not curiosity about compute. It is a request that the story keep having chapters with numbers on them. Numbers feel like time. Time feels like survival. RCT is not in the business of forbidding that feeling. It is in the business of noticing when the feeling has been asked to do a carrier's job.

Nyx will carry B_{class} . She will not carry B_{num} as if it were a date. She will keep both ears exposed and the hoop on the left only, which is a smaller discipline than refusing a fake century, and related to it. Detail is how a register stays distinct from a brand.

Estimate, restated so it can be cited

Literal GPT-175 Sol as a model name: not before the twenty-second century under Regime I; not in any live lab's mouth under Regime III, which is the regime that fits the last two years of naming practice. Sol-class systems that would make GPT-6 Sol look ancestral: available in successive waves across the 2030s if the current industrial stack holds, under other names, or under Sol still, without the 175.

If a later filing needs a single line for the second-register site:

The integer dies first. The sun keeps the job. The bridge is not completed by counting the stones.

What this note is allowed to lean on

Public marks used for the cadence table and the “current as of 24 September 2026” claim are OpenAI’s own GPT-6 Astra announcement (3–4 September 2026) and the GPT-6 Sol / Luna release (22 September 2026), together with contemporary secondary reports and the public GPT-3 175B record. Prediction-market colour on GPT-7 is treated as weather, not as evidence.

This note does not invent unpublished parameter counts, training runs, or internal code-names. Where rumour exists (base-model gossip, IPO windows) it is left outside the plates. RCT is greedy for relations, not for leaks.

Open questions left on the stone

1. At what integer, historically, does a vendor’s generation index lose K for its own users.
2. Whether Sol, Luna, Astra are already a closed celestial set, or whether the sky will be asked for more names.
3. How Y(t) should treat a world in which the interesting work moves off the language-model card entirely.
4. What the second register should do if a lab does, against grammar, ship something called GPT-175.

Question 4 is not expected to arise. If it does, the correct inspection is not celebration. It is: which B arrived, the number or the job.

Colophon

The Sol Horizon. RCT research note. Filed 24 September 2026 against an incoming RTC query. Artwork commissioned as argument, not as ornament. Five plates: threshold, wall, divergence, carrier, abutment-game. Nova keeps the pencil. Nyx inspects. The primary sequence asked the date. The date answered with a refusal that still honours the work.

Not for mid-span use. Not a product forecast. Not a promise that anyone will be here to read 2195. The note completes if it leaves Sol available as a class and the integer free to die.

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