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Unless you imagine that every academic paper represents an important or useful technical advance, counting the number of papers doesn't really tell you very much.

Same point can be made about counting patents.

But I wasn't trying to use the number of patents as evidence to prove anything.