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"Andy F." <never.mind@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:48594bFi936jU1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
[snip]

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.

Because you have no evidence whatever. Your claim was a post hoc fallacy, which I identified as such immediately after you made it.

If patents and scientific papers aren't measures of progress, suggest some measures that suit you better.

Or admit you are wrong.

-- Roy L

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