Good Papers and Good Research

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Relationship Between Research & Papers

- If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? -- George Berkeley (1710)

Relationship Between Research & Papers

- If you do research and no one knows about it, does it matter?
  - Good papers make research "matter"
  - Replace "papers" by "systems", "presentations" …

Relationship Between Research & Papers

- Papers, systems, presentations spur new thinking, new research
  - In others as well as in ourselves

- Soon enough trees would fall to make a very loud sound

Ideas, Creativity and Research Papers

- Research is about ideas, involves creativity, but …

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- Last minute panic is why deadlines are important to write papers

0-Year versus 10-Year Best Paper Awards

- Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future
  -- Niels Bohr, sometimes attributed to Yogi Berra

0-Year versus 10-Year Best Paper Awards

- Best paper award committees are trying to predict the future
  - What will be the impact of a paper?
  - The contexts differ for 0-year and 10-year committees

What Mattered in 2003?

- Best paper @ PODS 2003: M. Arenas, L. Libkin: An Information-Theoretic Approach to Normal Forms for Relational and XML Data

What Matters Now?

- PODS 2013 Test of Time Award: I. Dinur, K. Nissim: Revealing Information while Preserving Privacy

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