The field of multiparadigm research is exciting and vital. The work is new enough that scientists and engineers from many allied computing fields are coming up with relevant ideas and systems. As this special issue of IEEE Software demonstrates, there already exists a collection of basic pragmatic research in the area. The time is ripe for some theoretical insights to tie together and generalize these existing empirical results. I believe that many more iterations of the experiment/theory cycle will come before this area is mature and well understood.

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