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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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We assessed a series of allegations against different NSF-supported¹ and other researchers, each related to research work in the same area, with each allegation predicated on the theft of intellectual property by the researchers through the lack of appropriate attribution to claimed sources of the intellectual property.

The publications listed in the allegation do not make specific claims of priority in these ideas. Furthermore, the ideas overlap with general themes that are common in the research literature. Under the circumstances, we do not find the claimed lack of attribution to amount to intellectual theft or research misconduct.

This case is closed with no further action taken.

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