

# **The PhD Student's 11 Commandments**

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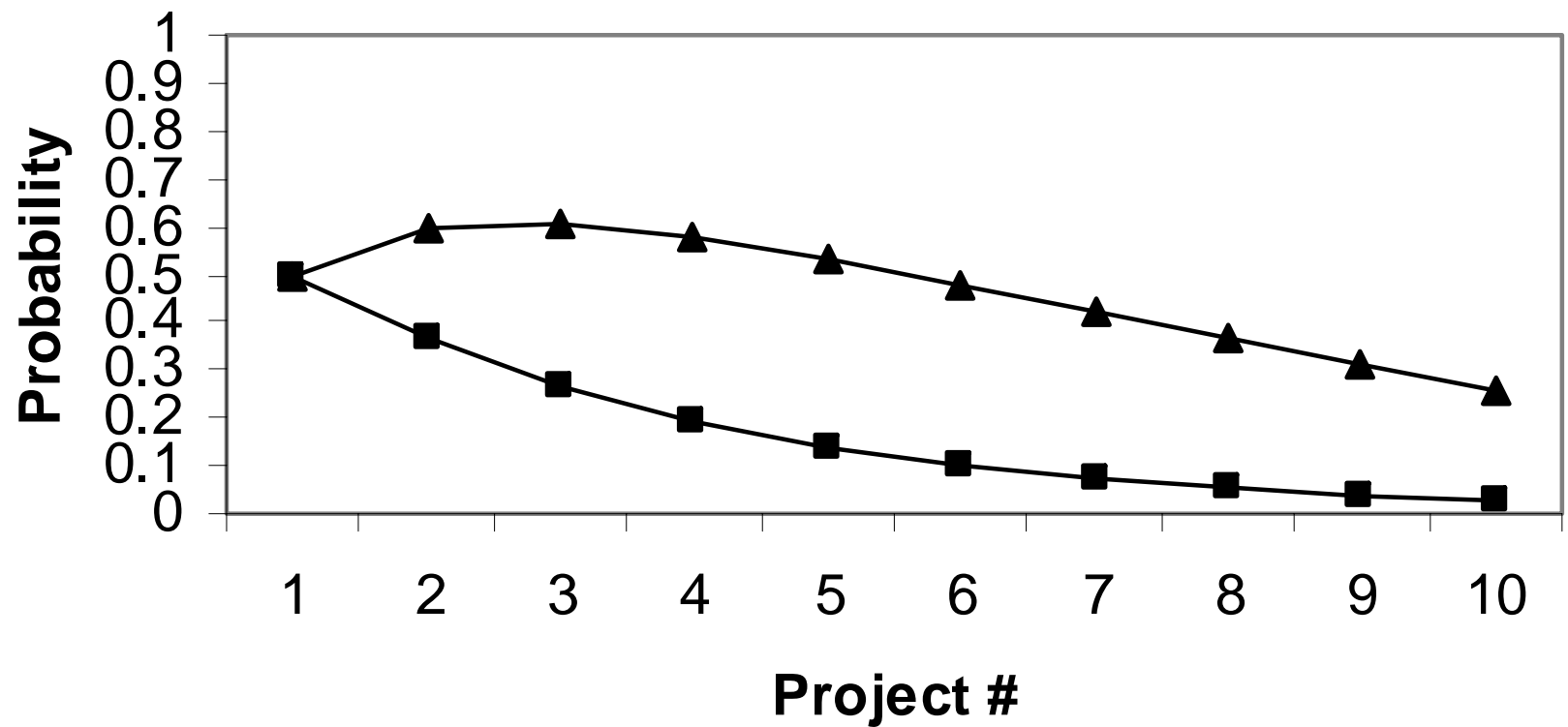
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- Get dirty right away
  - run someone else's rats
  - soft skills
- Focus, but don't overdo it
  - it's tough to say no
  - organic growth and reinvention
  - read into the past
  - porch & wine
- Try starting your own hype
  - X is the future vs. X is dead
  - Be your own (wo)man

# Publishing Probabilities

—■—  $P(\text{project leads to A pub})$  —▲—  $P(\text{at least one A pub})$



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- Stay sane
  - 50 ways to lose your lover
  - marry a therapist
  - avoid becoming a monomaniac
  - job market and tenure anxiety
  - "can I (still) do it?" angst
- Find the water cooler
  - SPSS anguish
  - can I have two minutes?
  - Luk's Lab and cohorts
- Feel stupid, but...
  - gods and mortals
  - teflon ego

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- Hang in there
  - bohica
  - the 10-year project
  - results.lis
- Take the fifth
  - marketers can't do division
  - copy machine
- Be nice
  - incompetent young male
  - when I'm 64
  - writing good papers is hard

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- Go for broke
  - try until you get it right
  - the never-ending paper that never got published
  - be all that you can be & continuous improvement
  - aim high, go beyond conceptual replication, contribute back
  - who says you can't publish in Science?
- Have fun
  - 10 years is large chunk of life
  - fifth year reinvention