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**“TECHNOLOGY MATURITY IS  
TECHNOLOGY SUPERIORITY”**

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- **ONE DEFINITION OF MATURITY**
  - **GOOD JUDGEMENT COMES FROM EXPERIENCE—EXPERIENCE COMES FROM BAD JUDGEMENT**



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- **THIS WILL BE A MEANINGFUL CONFERENCE BECAUSE:**
  - **CROSS AGENCY PARTICIPATION**
  - **ACADEMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION**
  - **THIS IS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**



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- **HOW TO GET TECHNOLOGY TO GROW UP**
  - **MOVE OUT OF THE LAB, AND GET A JOB**
- **AN ACQUIRER'S PERSPECTIVE**



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- **REQUIREMENTS PULL AND LAB PUSH**
- **BETTER PREDICTORS OF SUCCESS**
- **CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS (SOFTWARE AND INFRASTRUCTURE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT)**

**“BETTER IS THE ENEMY OF GOOD  
ENOUGH”**