

Ethos of the Meeting

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And now for something completely different
(we hope)

Please allow us to challenge you and challenge us

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- If you have a discovery but have not convinced the second person, you have not made a contribution to society
 - You may have poor people skills
 - You may have been delusional all along

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- If you only seek to convince the naïve, the uneducated, then you are not serious about reaching the stars. The naïve and uneducated don't build new industrial systems.

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- Come as a scientist/engineer
 - Peer review and repeatable experiment are the currency

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- If you are invoking the tooth fairy or otherwise turning centuries of science on its head, be prepared to climb a steep hill

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- Help yourself understand if a breakthrough could finally be at hand

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- If you have a good idea, where “good” means you have convinced peers, then a tech entrepreneur or VC firm will fund you