

**Components      Weight**

Organization	10%	Presentation is clear, logical, and organized. Listener can follow line of reasoning.	Presentation is generally clear and well organized. A few minor points may be confusing.	Organization is haphazard; listener can follow presentation only with effort. Arguments are not clear.
Content	40%	<p>Speaker provides accurate and complete explanations of key concepts and theories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of related work is provided; connections to the paper being presented are clear. The complete reference for every paper is shown on screen.</li> <li>• Applications of theory illuminate issues.</li> <li>• Equations are carefully presented, with all variables and constants explained on the slide</li> <li>• The key insight behind the technical innovation is communicated with examples, or analogies</li> <li>• Strengths and weaknesses are highlighted; new ideas that build upon strengths and mechanisms to overcome weaknesses are discussed</li> <li>• Listeners gain insights</li> </ul>	<p>For the most part, explanations of concepts and theories are accurate and complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some related work is presented, but relationship to the paper being presented is unclear. Only a partial reference is shown on the slide.</li> <li>• Some helpful applications are included.</li> <li>• Equations are presented to illuminate the main idea, but the meaning of the variables and constants is unclear.</li> <li>• The technical innovation is presented but there is little attempt to be insightful; examples, analogies are absent.</li> <li>• Brief mention of strengths and weaknesses, but little attempt to amplify strengths or to overcome weaknesses</li> </ul>	<p>Explanations of concepts and/or theories are inaccurate or incomplete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Related work is either absent or briefly referenced without explanation; The reference is missing from the slide</li> <li>• Equations are either absent, or when presented are glossed over</li> <li>• Little attempt is made to present the main innovation.</li> <li>• Strengths and weaknesses are not discussed</li> <li>• Little attempt is made to tie theory to applications.</li> <li>• Listeners gain little from the presentation.</li> </ul>
Style	10%	<p>Level of presentation is appropriate for the audience. Presentation is a planned conversation, paced for audience understanding. It is not a reading of a paper. Speaker is comfortable in front of the group and can be heard by all.</p>	<p>Level of presentation is generally appropriate. Pacing is sometimes too fast or too slow. Presenter seems slightly uncomfortable at times, and audience occasionally has trouble hearing him/her.</p>	<p>Aspects of presentation are too elementary or too sophisticated for audience. Presenter seems uncomfortable and can be heard only if listener is very attentive. Much of the information is read.</p>

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Design	10%	<p>Communication aids enhance presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The font on the visuals is readable.</li> <li>• Information is represented and organized to maximize audience comprehension.</li> <li>• Details are minimized so that main points stand out.</li> </ul>	<p>Communication aids contribute to the quality of the presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Font size is mostly readable.</li> <li>• Appropriate information is included.</li> <li>• Some material is not supported by visual aids.</li> </ul>	<p>Communication aids are poorly prepared or used inappropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Font size is too small to read.</li> <li>• Too much information is included.</li> <li>• Details or some unimportant information is highlighted, and may confuse the audience.</li> </ul>
Grammar & Language	10%	<p>Sentences are complete and grammatical. They flow together easily. Words are well chosen; they express the intended meaning precisely.</p>	<p>Sentences are complete and grammatical for the most part. They flow together easily. With some exceptions, words are well chosen and precise.</p>	<p>Listeners can follow presentation, but they are distracted by some grammatical errors and use of slang. Some sentences are halting, incomplete, or vocabulary is limited or inappropriate.</p>
Audience Interaction	10%	<p>Consistently clarifies, restates, and responds to questions. Summarizes when needed.</p>	<p>Generally responsive to audience questions and needs. Misses some opportunities for interaction.</p>	<p>Responds to questions inadequately.</p>
Extra credit	<p>Up to 1% of final course grade</p>	<p>Derives new results: via simulation, clarifying the math and proofs, a mini-experiment will result in a 1% extra credit toward final grade</p>		