

Seminar format

Seminar format and guidelines

Below are some suggestions for how to have a productive, interactive paper discussion seminar. They're not rules, but it helps us all out to follow these tips.

In this paper discussion seminar we will

- Read 1-2 papers each week
- Discuss the overall content of the paper, look at the figures and analyse them, identify the strengths and weaknesses, and learn to "digest" a scientific journal article
- Select one person in advance to lead the discussion each week

The discussion leader should

- Put together 1-2 slides to provide an overview of the paper(s)
- Present slides for all figures in the paper describing only what is shown on the figures
- Guide us through the paper and encourage questions/curiosity

The participants should

- **READ THE PAPER!**
 - Make sure you leave time to read the paper in detail and look up uncertain terms, concepts, etc.
- Come prepared with 2-3 questions, basic or detailed - Many of us will be uncertain about parts of the paper, we can only learn by discussing sources of confusion
- **ASK YOUR QUESTIONS!**
- Be prepared to actively participate in the discussion