

Guidelines for weekly PhD Seminar Talks

Those guidelines are in no way strict but should help PhD students to prepare an informative talk for the audience of PhD/ diploma students and supervisors.

You are an expert in your field. In order to help your fellow PhD students to understand as much of your topic as possible please remember to keep your talk on a simple level. The following guidelines can be seen as a help and starting point but by no means are to be considered strict.

Structure of talk

The time for your talk should be **30 – 40 minutes**.

about **1/3** of the talk should be spend on **Introduction to Technique/ Method**

about **1/3** of the talk should be spend on **Introduction to Physical System/ Materials**

about **1/3** of the talk should be spend on **Results and Interpretation**

It is your decision if you allow the audience to ask question anytime during your talk. Question time in-between should not be counted among the 30-40 min time of your talk.

Please motivate your talk by giving an overview about your field (long-term/ broad perspective) and make clear what it is you want to achieve with your own research (“What is the problem you want to solve or understand and how do you plan to do so?”).