

Instructions for the oral project presentation

The course grade is based on your oral and written presentations. Below some points which should be useful for you to consider when preparing your presentations have been listed.

1. What are your main results/conclusions and what is the main message that you would like to communicate? Suppose that you had not done this project and someone else would have presented the project for you. Think about what would have been the most useful/important/interesting for you to know about the project in that case. This is then probably also what you want to tell the others about.
2. Be very clear on what the project is about. Be careful to give a proper background. Make sure that the audience understands the overall perspective.
3. Based on how much time point 2 above will consume of your 20 minutes, select what you deem most important to explain further in order to make the audience better understand your full work.
4. It may be good to keep in mind that calculations are in general appropriate and often necessary for your written report and the audience will always be able to read your report and get all these details. In your oral presentation, however, you would typically be very restrictive when it comes to any detailed calculations, while it of course could be useful and maybe even necessary to write defining equations and explain these. When it comes to numbers, order of magnitude of calculation results can be interesting, but normally mentioning more than one (or possibly two) significant digits probably just takes focus away from more important things that you wish to say.
5. Have **at least** one complete rehearsal of your presentation. Decide what you will write on the board and who will write it (when you are two persons it can be efficient if one person writes/draws while the other one talks and vice versa). It is often also good to think about where on the board things should be written. Also remember that “one figure can say more than a thousand words” and you do wish to use your presentation time efficiently in order to communicate your message as well as possible.