

590P discussion suggestions

Goal of a 590P session

- Understand the paper's algorithm or results
- Appreciate the contributions
- Yield insight
- Change your behavior

Key points of the paper

Summarize using your *own* words

- Ideas
- Techniques
- Results
- Points for discussion
 - questions, concerns
- Extensions, what comes next

Context

- Why is this problem interesting?
- Why is this problem hard?
- What were the previous approaches/attempts?
What are the advantages/disadvantages of each?
Why did each succeed/fail?
- What is different about this paper?
 - Why didn't anyone try this before?

Related work section is useful but often insufficient

- read extra papers
- ask Dan & Mike
- sleep on it

Consider using a few slides

- You may already have these points in mind
 - or even written down
 - but, the audience isn't getting it
- A small number of slides (3 or 4?) may give context and direction
- Substituting a different paper for discussion is OK