Assignment # 4.  
Due Wednesday, 11 April, in class.

For your fourth HW assignment, I won’t assign computational problems; instead, keep working on your presentations. I have had pretty extensive discussions with you all, and I think you all have a good idea of what you need to concentrate on. I think you all feel you have plenty to do!

The talks will begin in class in the week of Monday 16 April. We will probably meet on Thursday 19th, at 4:15 pm, as well.

More explicitly:

1 Learn the material you need from the sections of your paper we identified. Work out the simplest example you can. Draw pictures.

2 Get copies from the library of any other papers we discussed.

3 Make an outline of the talk. Remember, work backwards from the main result(s) you want to get to. Only include things you need for that.

4 Your talk must start with a clear identification of the author(s), info on where they work, and a full citation reference to the paper.

5 Your talk must also include an ‘outline’ of the presentation.

6 Decide which colour pictures you want as slides; tell me on Monday.

7 Start planning and rehearsing (mumbling aloud) how you will explain things. Give some thought to using slides, the board, or a combination. What do you find easiest to follow and learn from as a listener/watcher?

8 If possible, start work on the written report on your topic.

We’ll meet again in small groups next week; make appointments with me in class.

Feel free to contact me with any questions that come up.