

Assignment

The goals of the assignment are

- To develop the ability to read and understand a paper
- To practise on explaining the contents of the paper
- To practise giving a presentation
- To learn to be critical

and

- To learn about current problems in Galactic research

Guidelines for the presentation of the talk and written report

- The talk should last approximately 15-20 minutes for the shorter papers, and may be longer for the longer papers (but not more than 25 to 30 min). This will leave us time for questions and discussion.

- A possible outline of your talk would be:

1. Motivation
 - Why is the problem that you will discuss interesting in a broader context -i.e why should we listen to you?
2. What your plan is for the talk
 - Essentially this outline + a short discussion of previous work on the topic
3. Methods (how you plan to deal/solve the problem)
4. Results (what have you found)
5. Conclusions
 - Refer back to your goals
 - Mention implications
 - Beware of assumptions/limitations that may affect the conclusions
 - What should be done next? (the future)

- Write a 1.5 - 2 pages summary of the paper/your presentation.