

*Throughout this class you will be asked to comment on computational results. Use the questions listed below to focus your reading; write relevant responses as you come upon them. Bring this page to class and turn it in if there is a “quiz”.*

1. What are the goals of the researchers in this paper? How do they relate to any obvious longer-range big-picture goals (the latter may have nothing to do with computation per se)?
2. How do the authors hope to make use of theory? Specifically, what *questions* are they trying to answer?
3. What are the explicit (and implicit) assumptions present in the employed theoretical model?
4. What are the successes of theory in this paper?
5. What are the failures (or inabilities) of theory in this paper?
6. How, if at all, could the theory be improved for the purposes of this paper? Would it be practical? Would it be worth doing? What's next?