Suggestions

for the students' presentations at Ringberg

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To optimise our stay at Ringberg and to get the most out of the presentations, you might want to consider the following suggestions:

- Assume an introductory particle physics lecture as background and not more. Take into account that people forget stuff.
- Don't be too technical. Do not present too many details/too much material.
- A suggestion for the level of sophistication of your talk: Theory talks should be aimed at experimentalists and experimental talks should be aimed at theorists.
- Spend some time (maybe a third of your allotted time) on the motivation for your work and the relevant physics.
- While your own results are certainly important, they can only be understood once the "big picture" is clear, as this is what puts your results into the appropriate context.
- When preparing your talk, spend some time on making yourself aware of the previous knowledge of the audience and what they are interested in. Try to imagine how others will experience your talk and recall how you felt during the talks of other students in the past.
- Don't be afraid of presenting just one aspect of your work (and leave out the rest), but explain the chosen topic properly.
- Speak slowly! People need time to understand and absorb what you say.
- The better the talk, the more questions you will be asked.
- LESS IS MORE!

Finally, note that the most important thing is that you give the talk you want to give, that you talk about what you want to talk about and that you feel comfortable with it. So feel free to ignore any of the above suggestions.