**Upcoming Deadlines:**

Deadline for 1st draft: 4/27/15

Deadline for peer-review (2 reviews): 4/29/15

Final draft due: TBD based on final exam date

As a general guide you can follow the guidelines for a letter in *Nature* (copied below), but keep in mind that our word limit is slightly higher to give you more room to discuss your results. The abstract should follow the example the *Nature* guide for authors.

**Outline for Final write-up:**

* Abstract (see *Nature* example)
* Brief introduction (~500 words)­
  + Background of the problem and choice of system studied
* Model description (~1000 words)
  + Brief description of your model system, including network structure (nodes & edges) update rules (~500 words)
  + Summary of prior or related work (~500 words)
* Results (~1000 words)
  + Dynamics of your (e.g. time series generated (for systems with one data set), attractors, and/or control nodes)
  + Information dynamics results
    - Figures:
      * TE vs. causal edges
      * TE scaling
      * AI
* Summary/Discussion (~500 words)

**Guidelines from *Nature:***

**1.2 Letters**

Letters are short reports of original research focused on an outstanding finding whose importance means that it will be of interest to scientists in other fields.

They do not normally exceed **4 pages** of *Nature*, and have **no more than 30** references. They begin with a**fully referenced paragraph**, ideally of about 200 words, but certainly no more than 300 words, aimed at readers in other disciplines. This paragraph starts with a 2-3 sentence basic introduction to the field; followed by a one-sentence statement of the main conclusions starting 'Here we show' or equivalent phrase; and finally, 2-3 sentences putting the main findings into general context so it is clear how the results described in the paper have moved the field forwards.

Please refer to our [annotated example](http://www.nature.com/nature/authors/gta/2c_Summary_para.pdf) to see how the summary paragraph for a Letter should be constructed.

The rest of the text is typically about 1,500 words long. Any discussion at the end of the text should be as succinct as possible, not repeating previous summary/introduction material, to briefly convey the general relevance of the work.

Letters typically have 3 or 4 small display items (figures or tables).

Word counts refer to the text of the paper. References, title, author list and acknowledgements do **not** have to be included in total word counts.