

File 20080228.1453: Ivan: Make notes rigourously. Also, keep a list of useful quotations. A PhD thesis is an incredibly detailed examination of a tiny problem.

Don't try to answer the problem. Try to break it down.

Ivan: 3 is a magic number. What three things is your research about?

Post-Mortem: aim for a good conference.

Ivan: *very important*: always be the first to acknowledge the big problems with your theory.

Ivan: presentation is  $\geq 50\%$  of the effort. A slick presentation is critical. (C.f. quotation about Boger's style for presentations.)

## References