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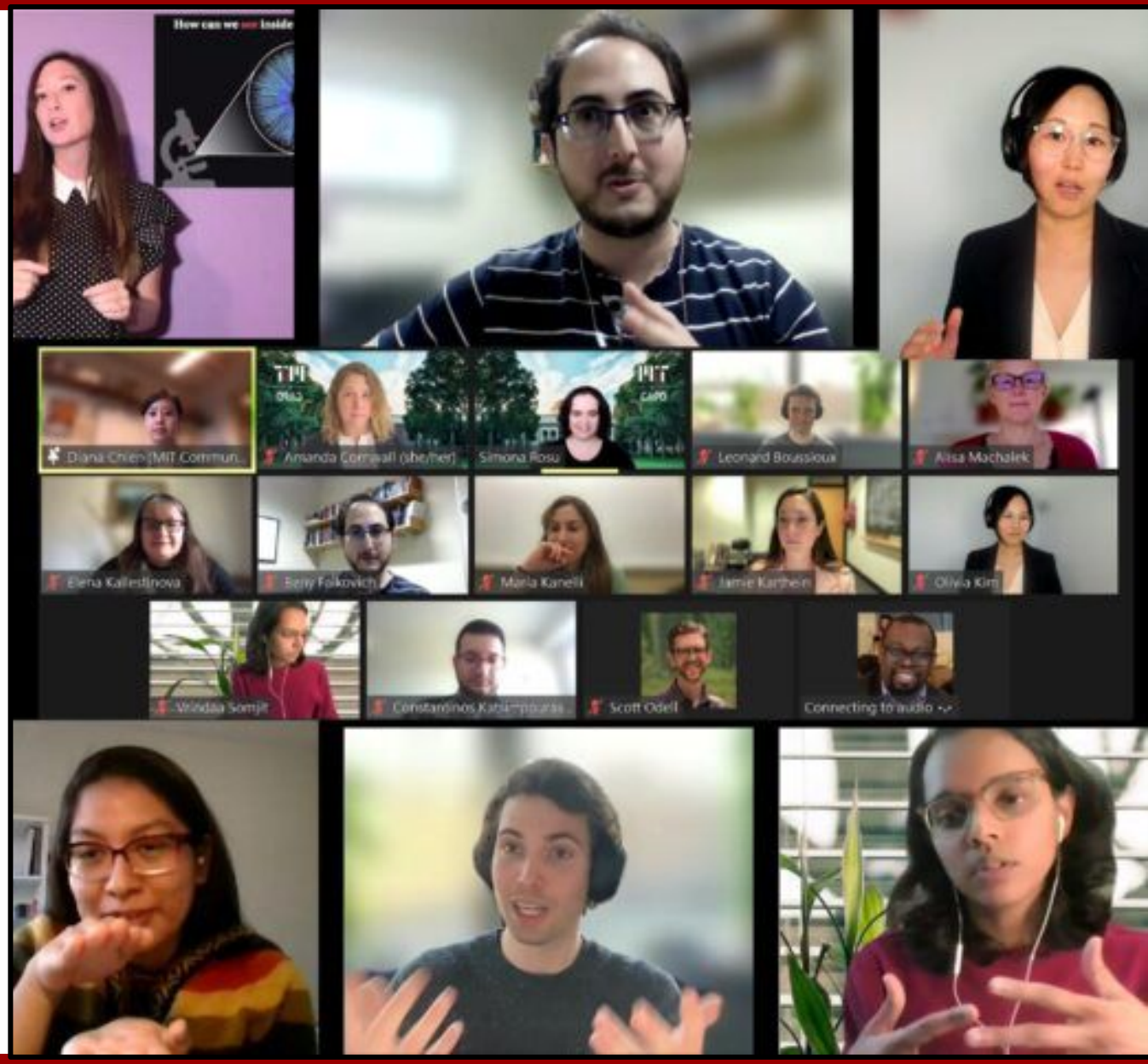


Warm-up poll

Please answer these three questions:

Have you seen presentations from the MIT's Research Slam or 3MT competitions?

How confident are you in presenting your research in front of an audience?

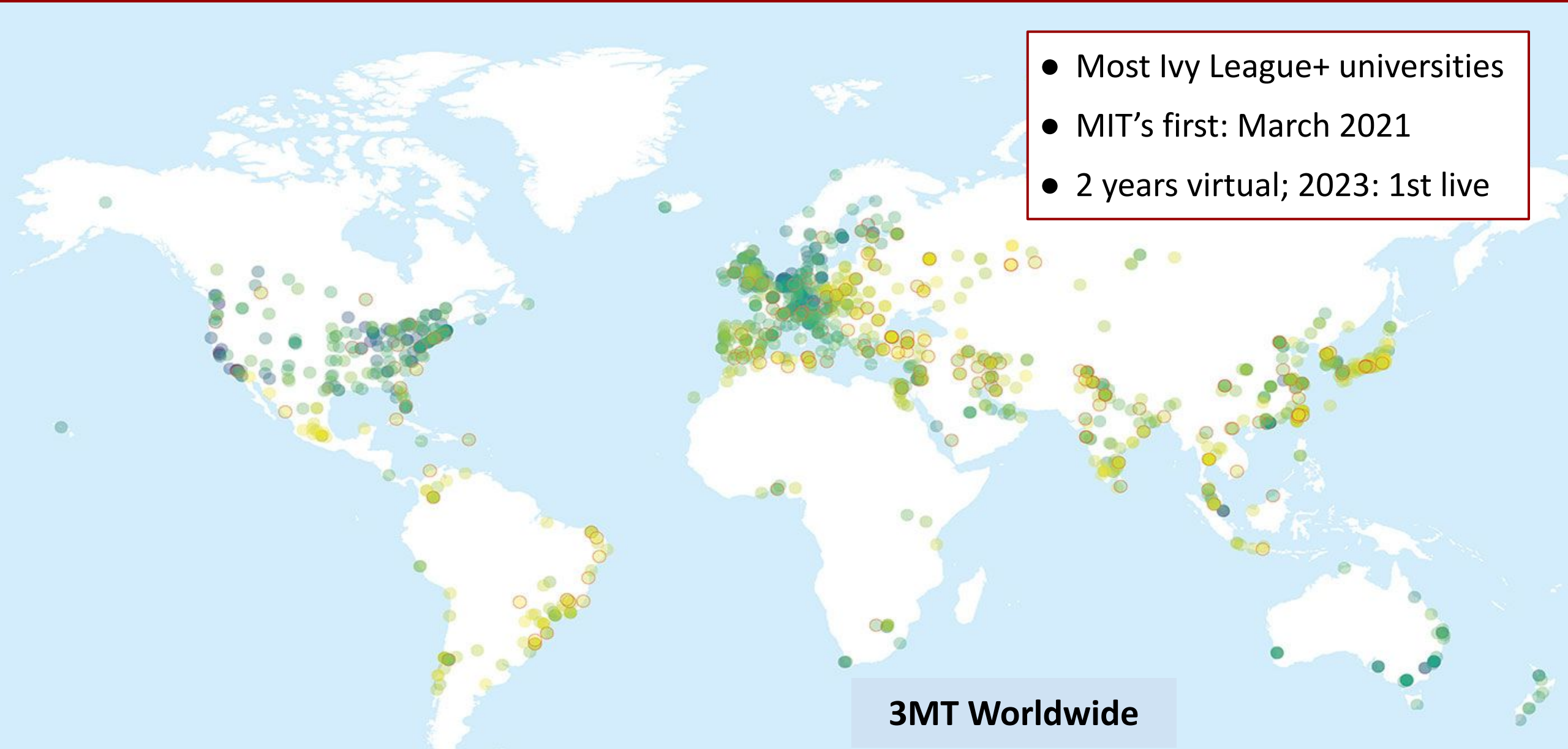
What aspects of oral presentations give you most trouble?

Research Slam/ 3MT History

- **Original idea**: University of Queensland (UQ), 2008
- **Drought:** people encouraged to take 3-min showers; timers on shower walls
- Dean of Grad School **Alan Lawson**: *Aha!*
- **1st competition:** 160 contestants
- **2009-10:** promoted to other Australian and New Zealand universities
- **2013**: 1st international competition

Source: The University of Queensland website: https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/higher-degrees-researchstart-your-3mt-journey-here

Now at over 200 universities across over 85 countries



- Most Ivy League+ universities
- MIT's first: March 2021
- 2 years virtual; 2023: 1st live

What *is* the Research Slam/3-Minute Thesis?

A research presentation that builds on the classic "elevator pitch"

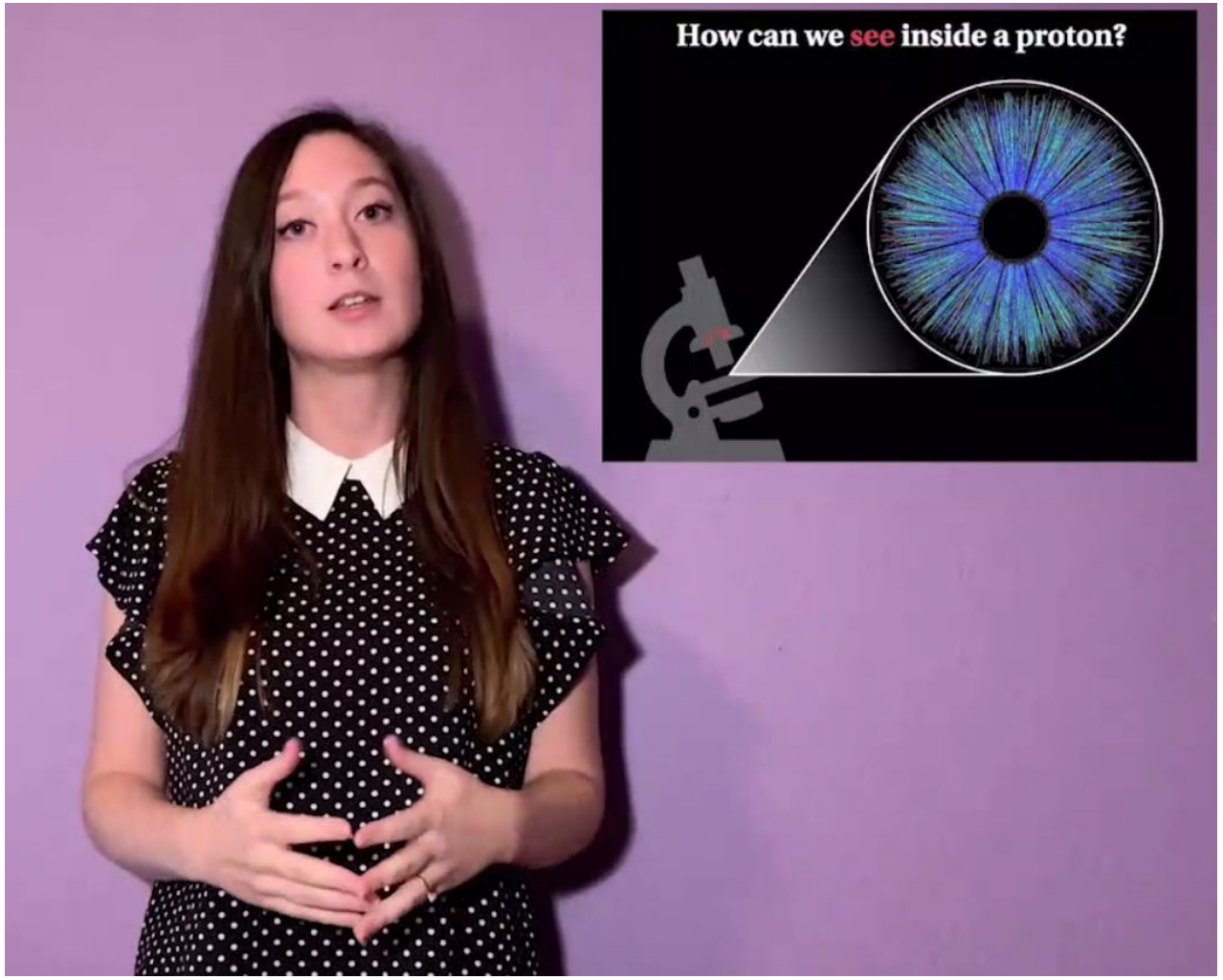
Parameters:

- Task: Explain your research to an intelligent, non-specialist audience
- Time: ≤3 minutes (strictly enforced)
- Slides: One only; no animations or video
- Other props: *None*

One of last year's winners…

Why You Should Participate

- Hone research communication skills.
- Create a 3-min pitch and slide that you can use in job searches.
- Practice presenting to broad audience.
- Win $$
- Have a chance to go on to the regionals and national competitions.



The 2024 MIT Research Slam/ 3-Minute Thesis Competition

MIT's 4th Annual Research Slam is here!

Why Call MIT's 3MT Competition a "Research Slam"?

- Both the 3MT and "Research Slam are offered by a number of universities
- Signals that competition open to postdocs & other researchers not currently working on a thesis
- Still affiliated with 3MT Program
- Follows same format & general rules.

Who Is Eligible

- all MIT (institute-wide) postdoctoral fellows and postdoctoral associates
- currently enrolled PhD candidates who’ve passed qualifying exams but not finished defending thesis

Prize Categories

Category	Winner	Runner-up	Audience Choice
PhD Student (3MT)	$600	$300	$300
Postdoctoral Scholar	$600	$300	$300

2023 Winners

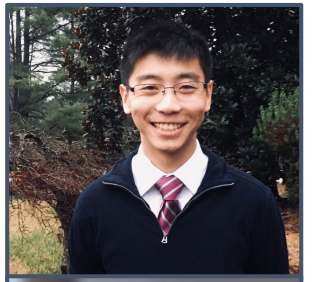
Graduate Student Category: 3-Minute Thesis

Winner & Audience Choice:

Eric Wang, Institute for Medical Engineering and Science

Runner-up & Audience Choice:

Neha Bokil, Department of Biology



Postdoctoral Scholar Category: Research Slam

Winner:

Dirk Lauinger, Sloan School of Management

Runner-up: & Audience Choice:

Alaa Algargoosh, Media Lab

Judges from 2023

Bruce Birren, PhD
Director of the Genomic Center for Infectious Diseases, Broad Institute

Suzanne Lane
Director of the Writing, Rhetoric, and Professional Communication, MIT

Brittany Trang, Ph.D.
STAT News & Science Reporting Fellow with MIT Knight Science Journalism Program.

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Application submission process

The Timeline: Step 1

1. Submit a simple **application form**
2. Include a pre-recorded **3-minute talk**
3. Include **a single slide** describing your research
4. Video & slide must **conform to the format of Three Minute Thesis (3MT)**
5. Upload video and slide by **Monday, March 11, 2024, 11pm**

The Timeline: Step 2

- Research Slam/ 3MT Committee evaluates all applications and chooses finalists
- Top 4-5 entries in each category are selected for the final showcase event
- Finalists notified by the end of March

The Timeline: Step 3

- Final showcase (live, in-person): **April 17, 2024, 5-7pm in E38-195 (MIT Open Space)**
- Finalists present live to panel of judges and audience
- Judges from diverse backgrounds: **academia, industry, business, science communication, and science policy**
- Event widely advertised, audience will include both **MIT community** and **general public**

Workshops

Individual Consultations

Online Resources

MIT Resources to Help Your Prepare

Research Slam/ 3MT Workshops

Creating a Compelling 3-Minute Talk

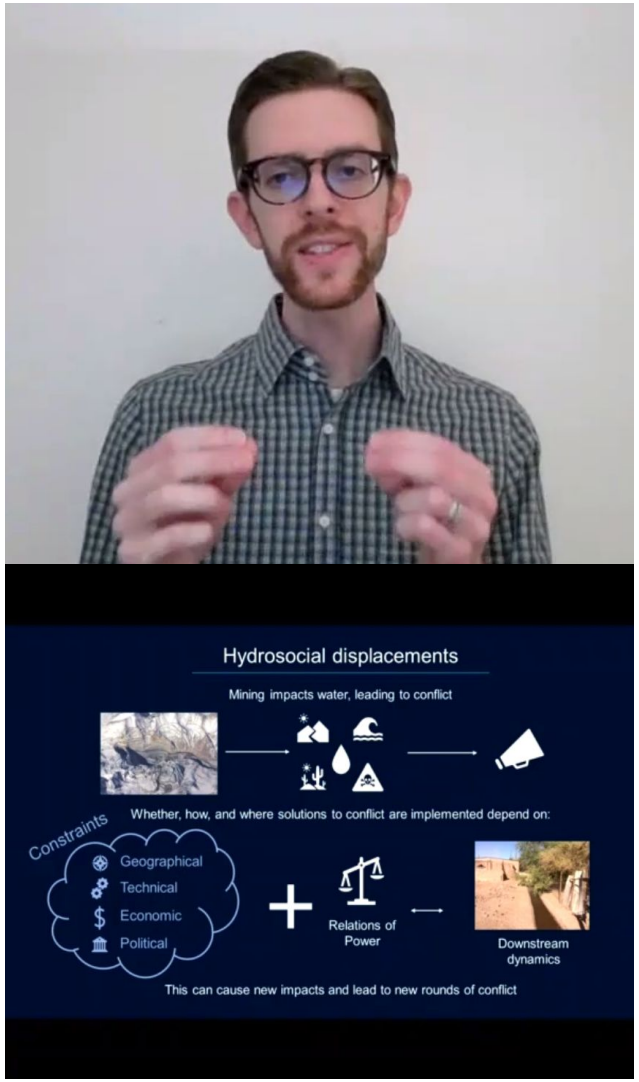
Wed, Feb 14th, 3:30-5:00pm

This interactive workshop will help you develop key skills to prepare your own talk: distilling your central message, building it into an engaging story, and crafting a visually appealing slide.

Deliver to Win: How to Present Your 3-Minute Talk Effectively

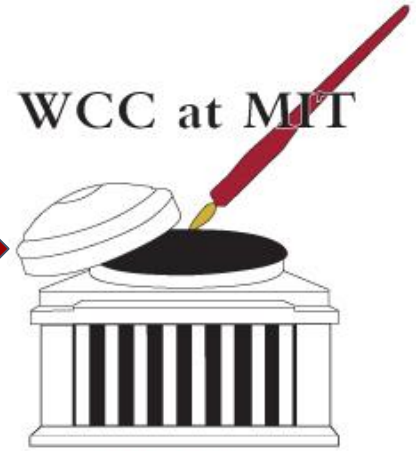
Wed, Feb 21st, 3:30-5:00pm

This activity-based workshop will help you build confidence as a presenter and will equip you with lifelong tools to deliver your ideas eloquently, engagingly, and effectively.



Individual Consultations

- Design the script for the 3-minute pitch
- Work on the slide
- Practice your presentation
- Research feedback at every stage of the process



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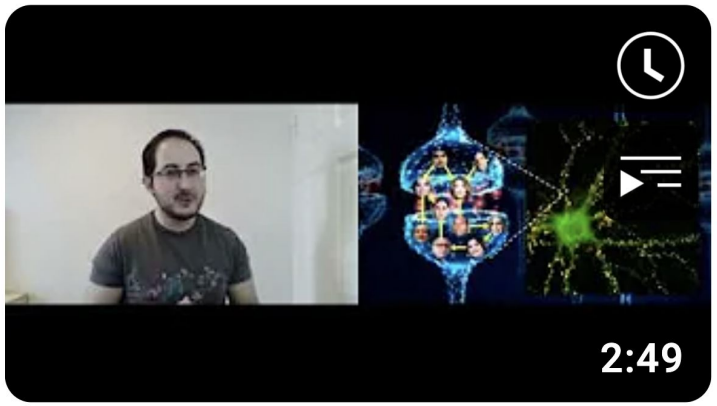
How to Create Your Video?

- Record your video using Panopto or Zoom
- Embed the slide into your video presentation
- The presenter and the slide should be equally balanced in size



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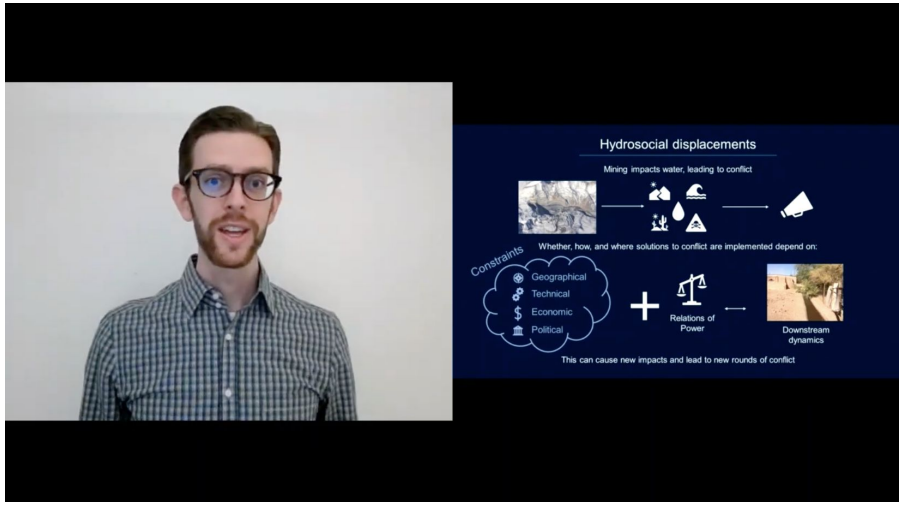
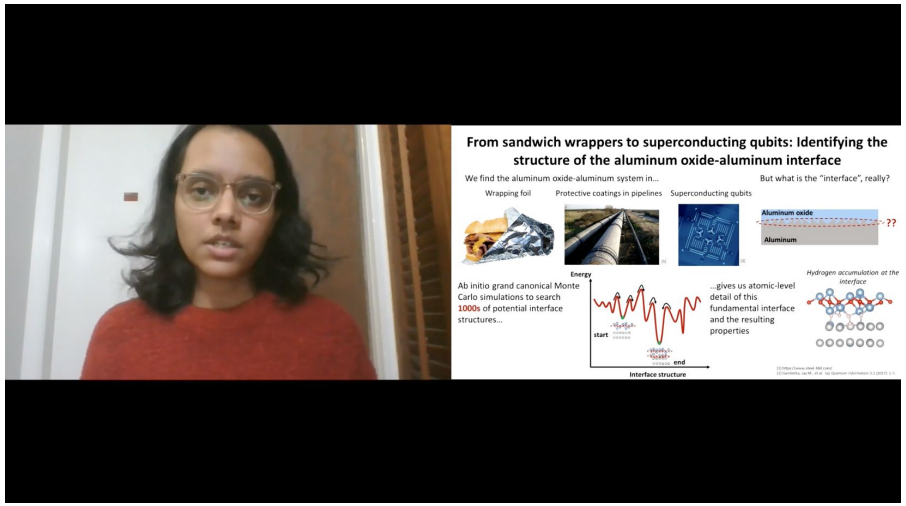
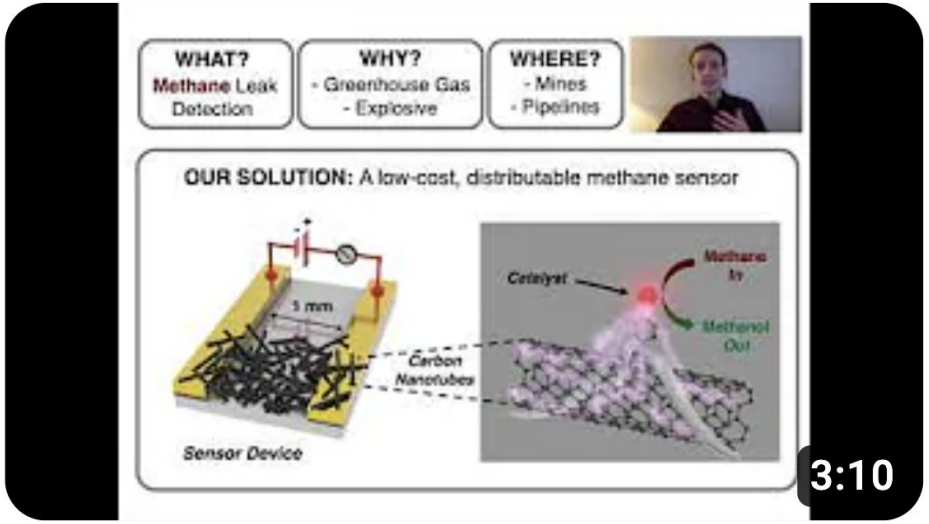
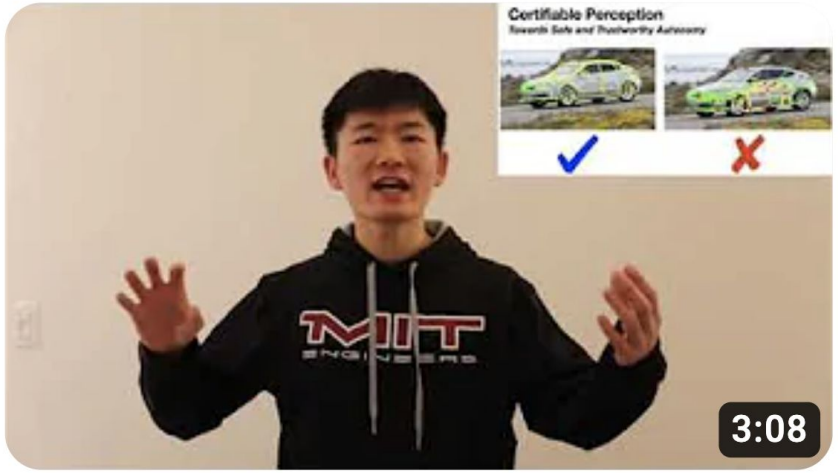




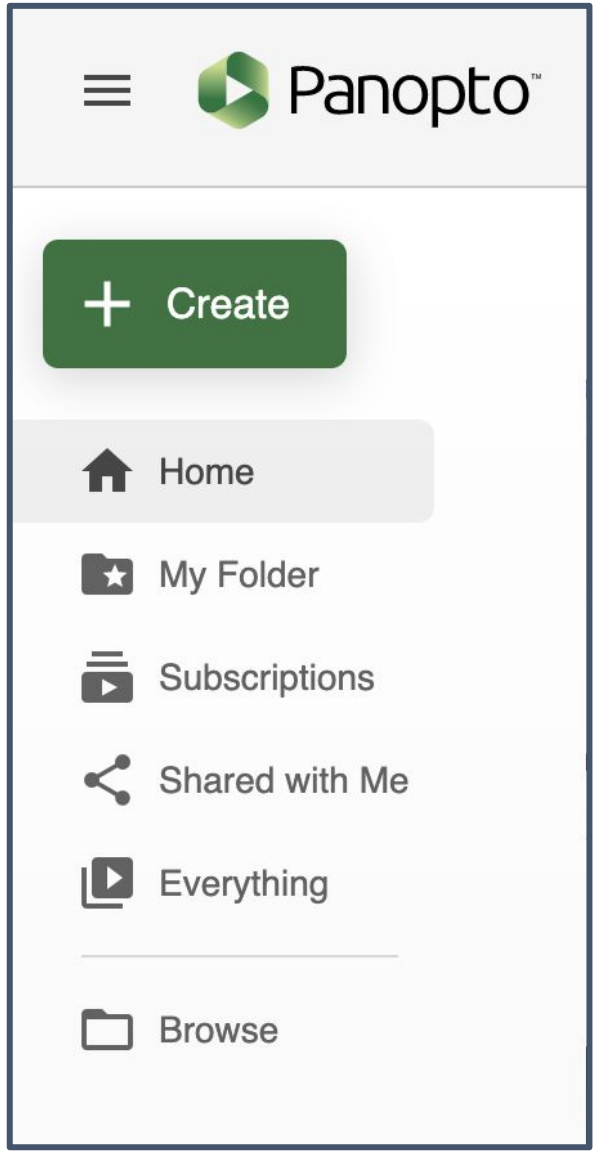




Create your Video with Panopto

MIT secure video platform for recording, sharing, and searching videos

- Study the guide and watch tutorials
- Record your video
- Edit and add your slide there
- Format and output your video



https://tinyurl.com/PanoptoRSMIT

Tips From MIT Winners

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Postdoctoral Scholar Category:

1st Place Winner

Neha Bokil,

Department of Biology

Graduate Student Category:

Runner-up & Audience Choice

Questions to the Winners

Q 1. Why did you decide to participate in the Research Slam competition?

Q 2. How did your participation help you with professional development?

Q 3. What advice do you have for someone who has not made up their mind?

More information and past slammers' vids

https://researchslam.mit.edu/

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Research Slam/ 3MT Tips

Research Slam/ 3MT Common Mistakes