

3 MINUTE THESIS

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Characteristics of a BAD presentation?



THINK DIFFERENTLY

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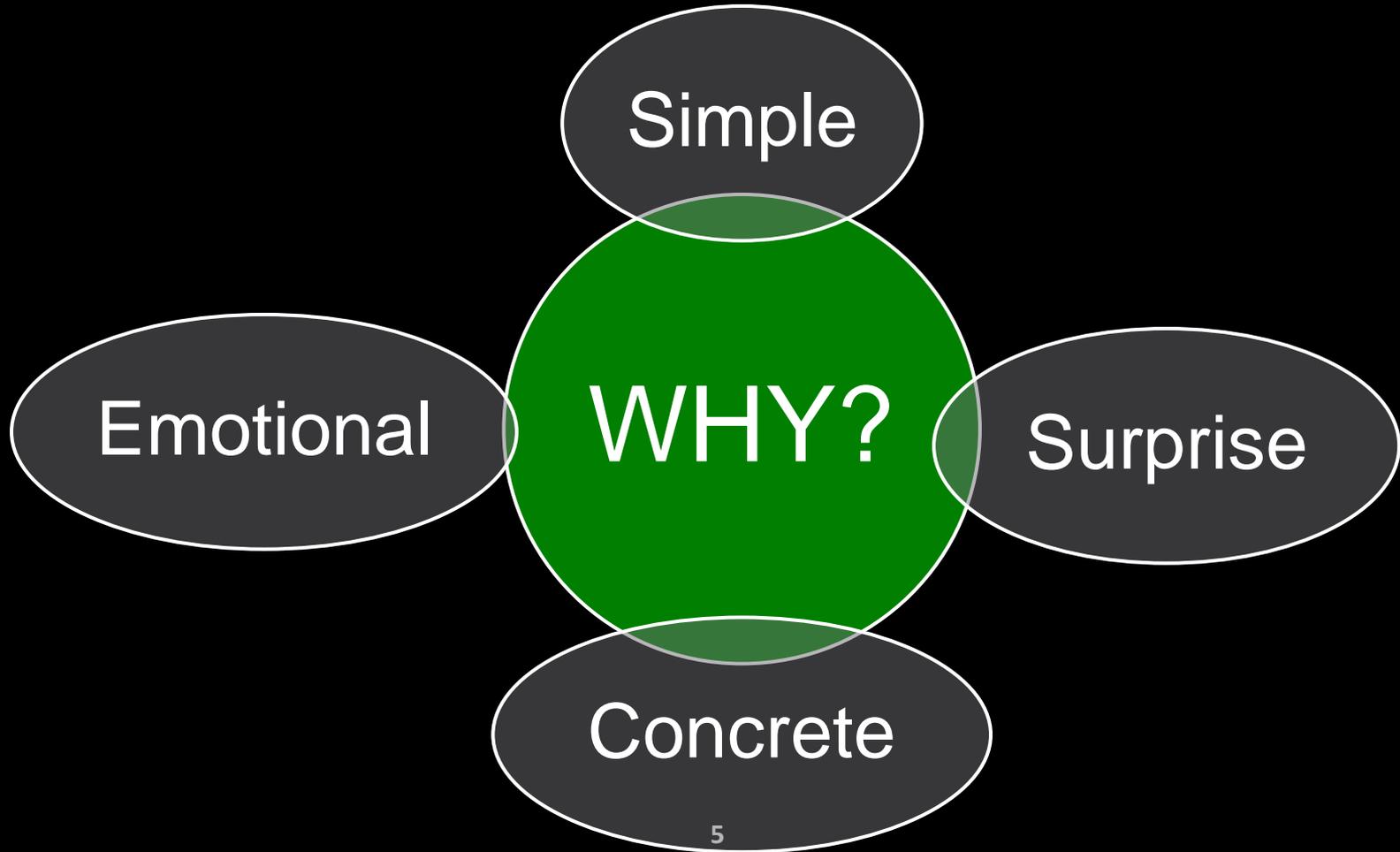
**Three Minute Thesis (3MT) 2011 Winner -
Matthew Thompson, University of Western
Australia**

3MT

3 minutes, 1 slide, ~ 450 words



“BRIEF BUT BRIGHT” TALK





SIMPLICITY

WHY did I start this research?



ENGAGE EMOTION

WHY should audience care???

SURPRISE





CONCRETE

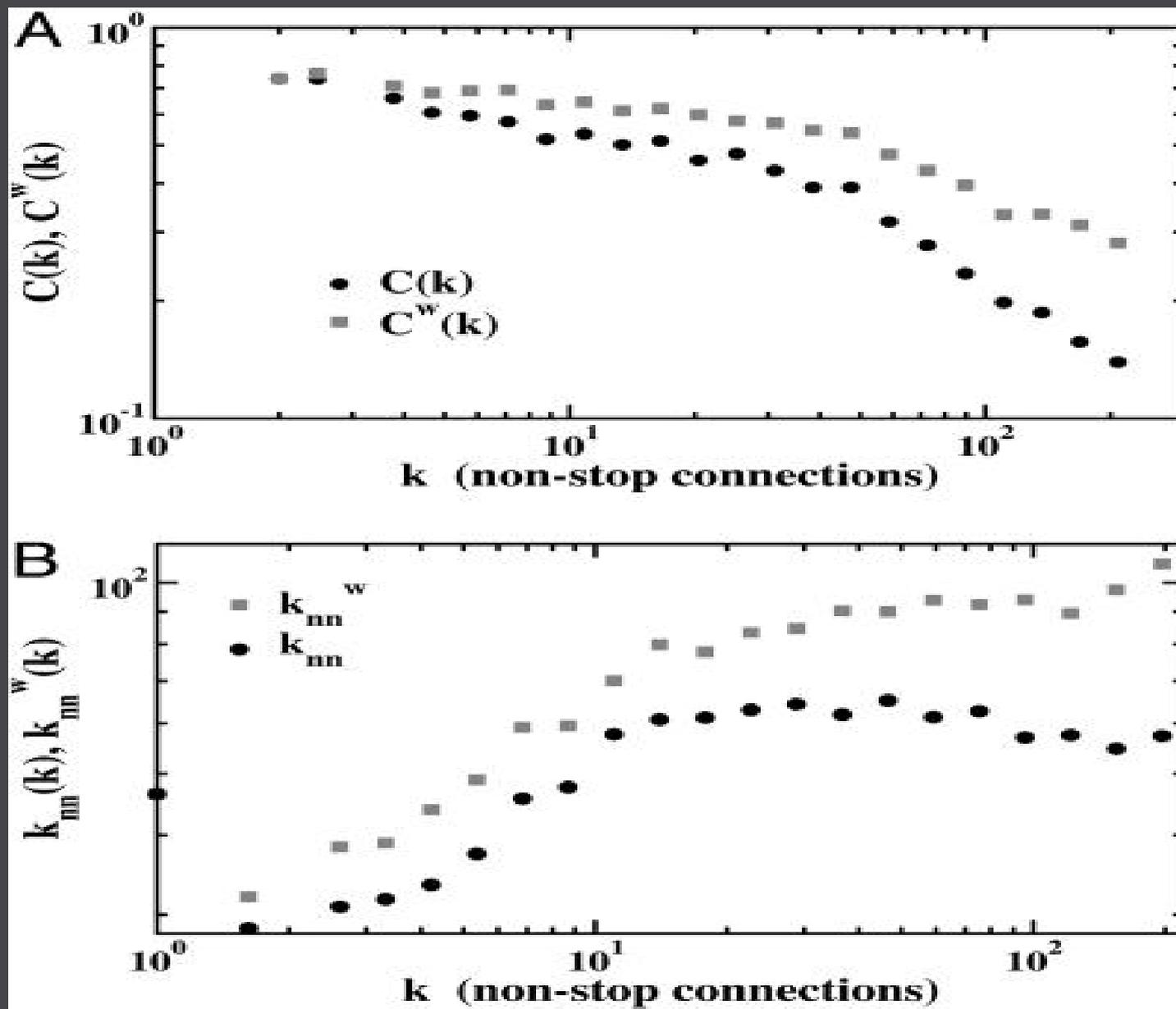
How can I convey

“WHY is this IMPORTANT?”

on 1 slide?



Fig. 7.





STORIES

WHY might audience want to
learn more?

**ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH:
EFFECTS OF IMPAIRED VIGILANCE ON PSYCHOMOTOR
REACTION TIMES**





THE BODY

Structure

Big Ideas: history + your research
circle back to WHY

closing: challenge audience to
think

explicit link to your introduction



WHAT MADE THIS 3MT A WINNER?

Simple
Emotional
Unexpected
Concrete
Story

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WINNING 3MT PRESENTATIONS

1. Understand the target groups:

- audience

- judges:

 - clear thinking & communication

 - respect for complex research

 - implications of research



WINNING 3MT'S

2. Understand the task

3MT

core idea
significance

Lecture, Talk

breadth, depth
method, results

UNDERSTAND THE TASK

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Lecture, talk

lay language

scientific jargon

no data

analysis, data

schema in mind

organize in ppt



WINNING 3MT'S

3.Practice

Logical flow

Get feedback

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4. Presentation style

Voice: tone

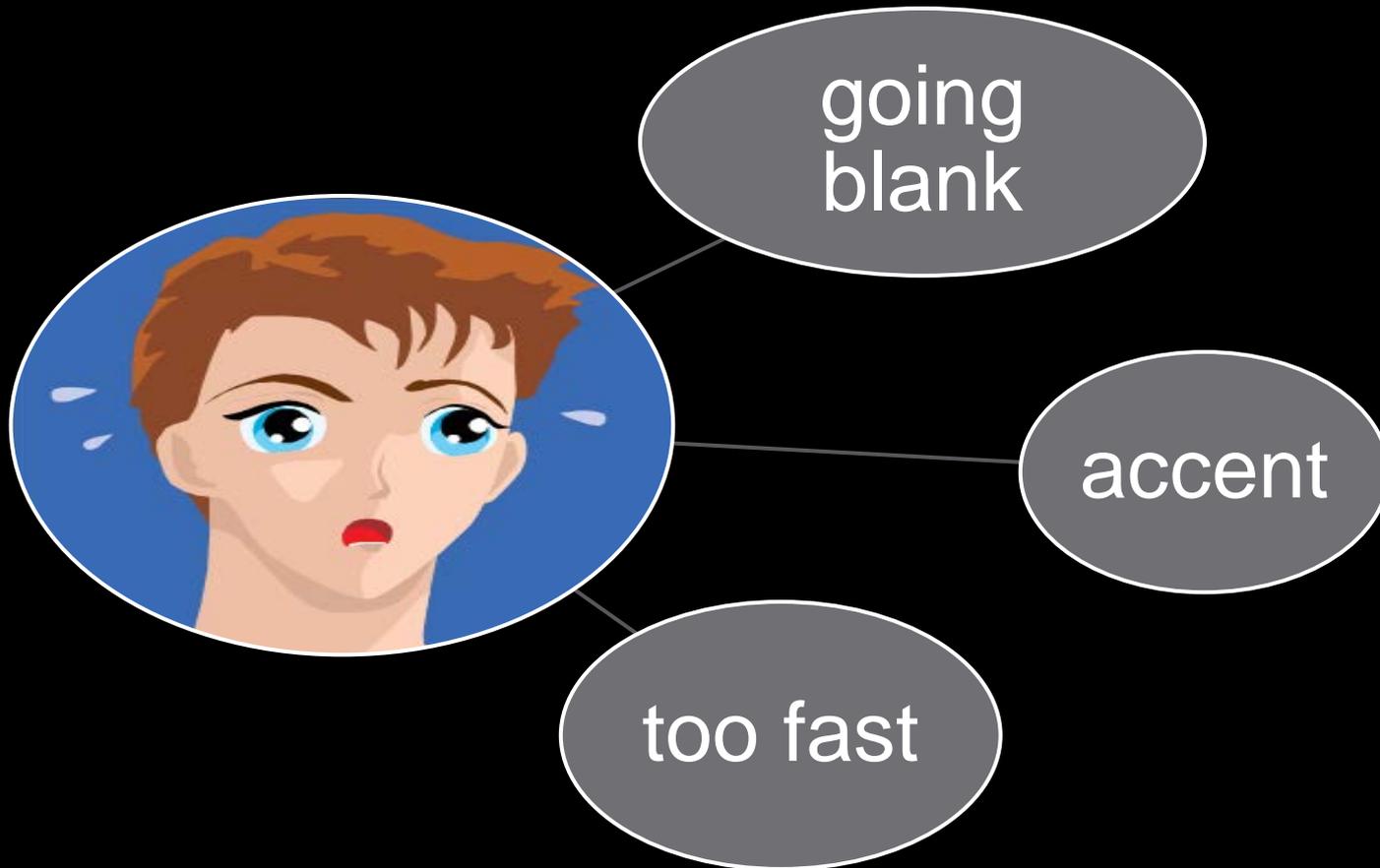
pace

projection

Body: eye contact

gesture & move intentionally

TROUBLE-SHOOTING



THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK 😊

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