

## Critical making

Designing for the difficult conversations the world needs



## Fall in love with the problem, not your solution

- why we are not just another hackathon



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After running the Jam for 3 years, we realised that we don't just want to organise another hackathon, where teams come together to build new solutions and create more things to put out into the world.

We want to focus on what we believe really matters to make change: actual collaboration across cultures and disciplines. That's why we redesigned the process of the Global Goals Jam with a focus on critical making, creating conversational objects to really empathise with a challenge (instead of focusing on an idea) and start new ways of collaborating.

In the light of the Sustainable Development Goals it becomes more and more important to create a common understanding of our current and future global, and local challenges. This understanding should cut right across cultures, identities and personalities and therefore, talking about these issues alone is often not enough. Tangible conversation starters help to create a shared empathy for what the challenges are and what can be done about them.

With the right empathy for the challenge at hand, you will be ready to get the most out of your conversations *and* solutions.



## Empathy in action

There is one design method central to the Jam: Empathy in Action. We divided this method into 4 sprints, and suggest possible methods to achieve all 4 phases. These are just suggestions: feel free to use others to achieve the goal of each sprint.

The most important is to fall in love with the problem, not with the solution - and to create something tangible that others can interact with and you can learn from: in order to create new insights and perspectives about the challenge your team is facing.

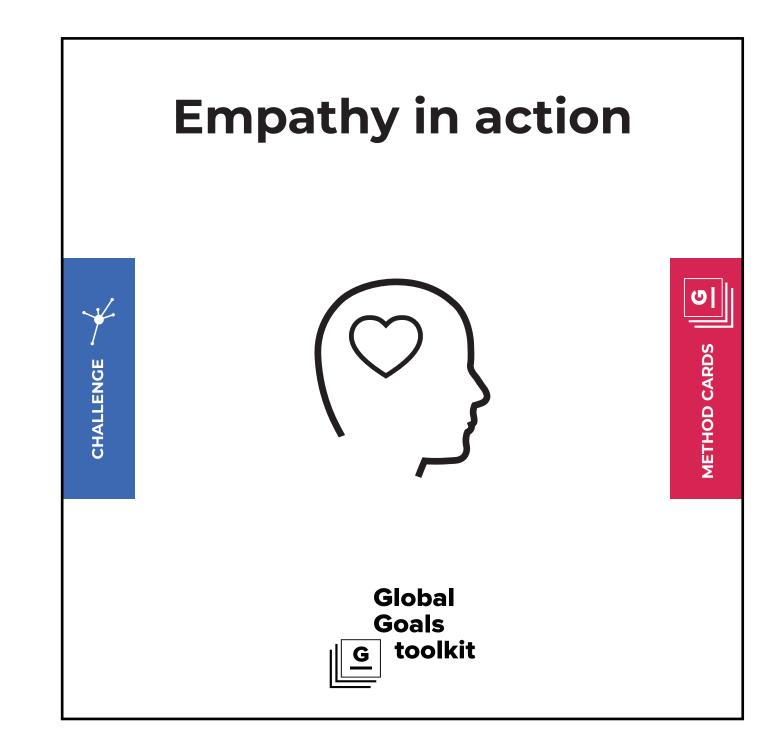
Method: Empathy in Action

Sprint 1: Explore it! Do a datajam 📊

**Sprint 2: Respond to it!** Create a lo-fi prototype \%

**Sprint 3: Make it!** Make your final idea tangible X

**Sprint 4: Share it!** Document your process and share your object **P** 



### The process

Design 2030 now!



# Sprint 1: Explore it

Time: 3-4hrs

What: Datajam 📊 - dive into the context of your challenge

How: Collect and analyse data (qualitative or quantitative).

This could be: hard facts, maps, drawings, graphs, images, facts, numbers, stories, quotes, hunches, associations, ideas, people/groups/stakeholders, etc.

Deliverables: main insights on your challenge.

Possible methods: interviewing, photo safari, empathy map, desk research, WWWWH



#### The steps

- Go out and observe the context of your challenge. Feeling courageous? The best thing is to talk to real people about it!
- (if it's hard to go to the context of your challenge; do an online data jam where you look for hard facts and quantitative data, as well as qualitative data in the form of stories and experiences)
- Put everything you collected in one place and look for surprising connections and key insights.

Global Goals

- Pick one key insight you want to move further with
- Share your key insight on Twitter (or Instagram) with #globalgoalsjam #insight

### Examples





## Sprint 2: Respond to it!

Time: 3-4 hrs

This can include a game, a tool, an installation or experience for example.

How: Make a sketch, lo-fi prototype, data visualisation or simple data physicalisation

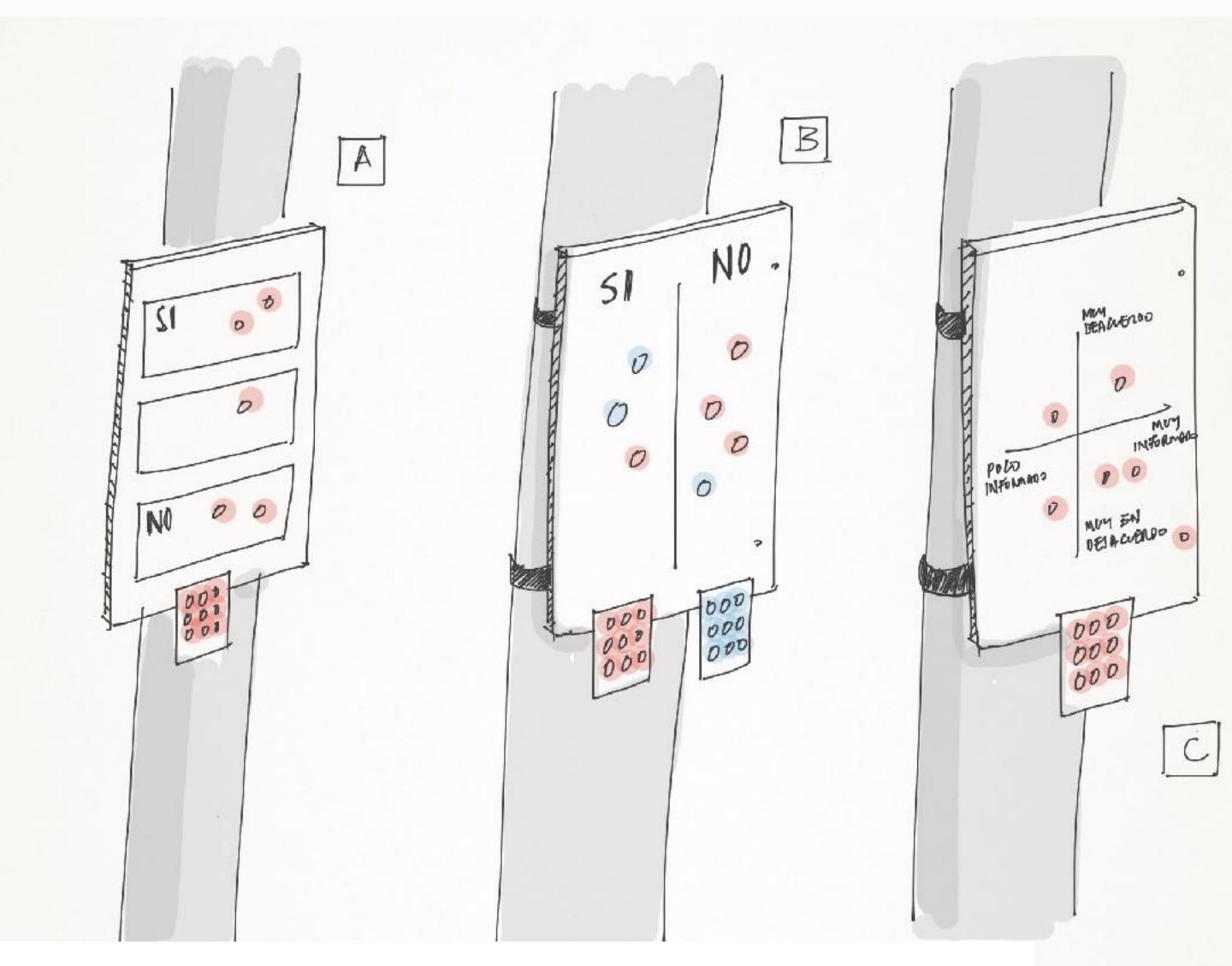
**Deliverables:** lo-fi prototype that is shared with another team and collected feedback Possible methods: <u>Concept Sketch</u>, <u>Infographic</u>, <u>Prototype for Empathy</u>



## The steps

- Do a quick brainstorm on how to make your key insight visible or tangible. Can you make your insight experiential?
- Create a rapid prototype of your idea. What can you make that creates a meaningful conversation around your challenge and key insight? What would provoke new perspectives and ideas?
- Ask another team to test your provocative prototype and gather their feedback. This can also be another team in the online Slack community!





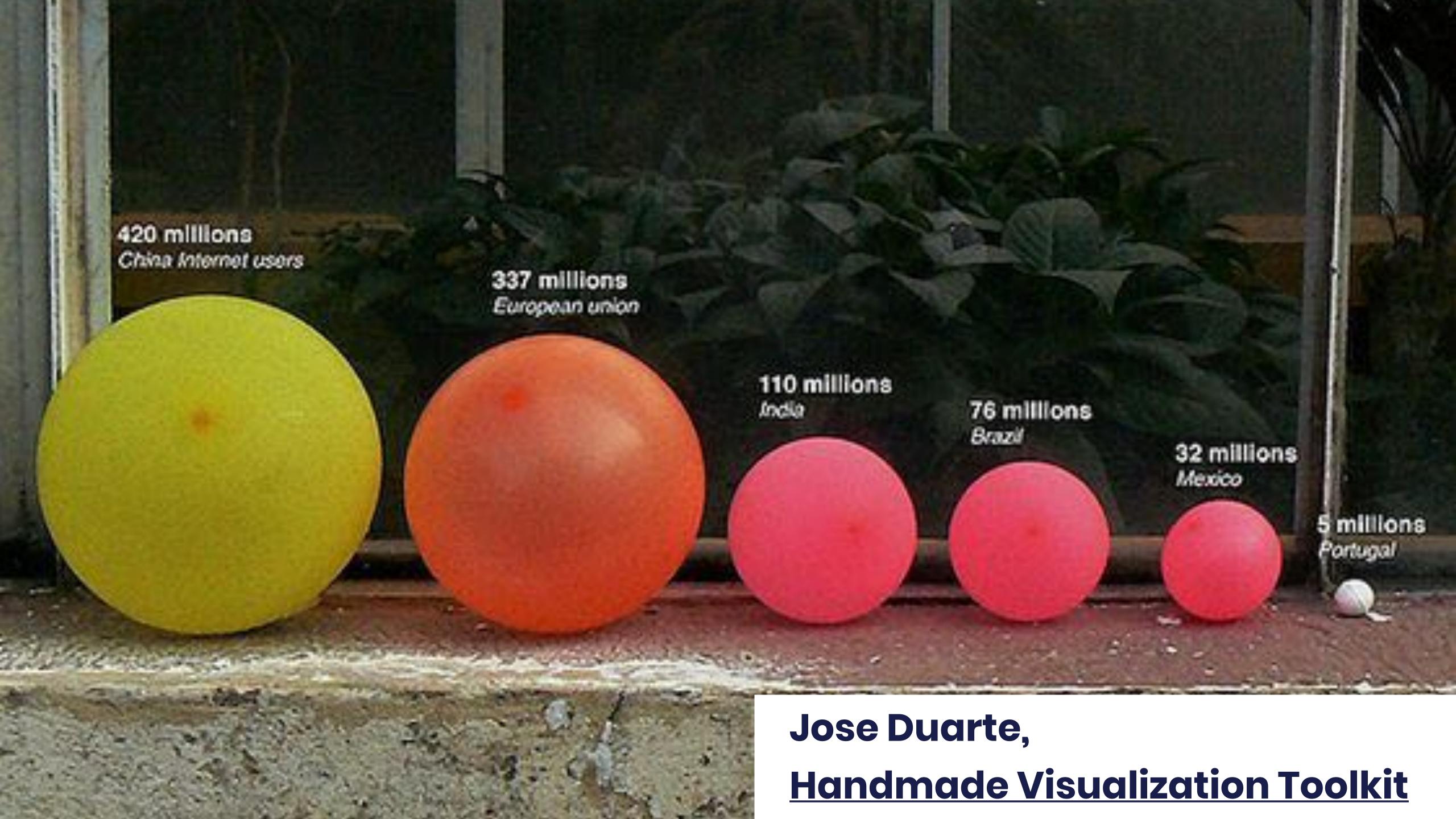
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# Sprint 3: Make it!

Time: 3-4 hrs

What: Make your final idea tangible X

How: Make a final high quality provocative prototype.

**Deliverables:** Conversational object or provocative prototype and a plan on how to share it with others.





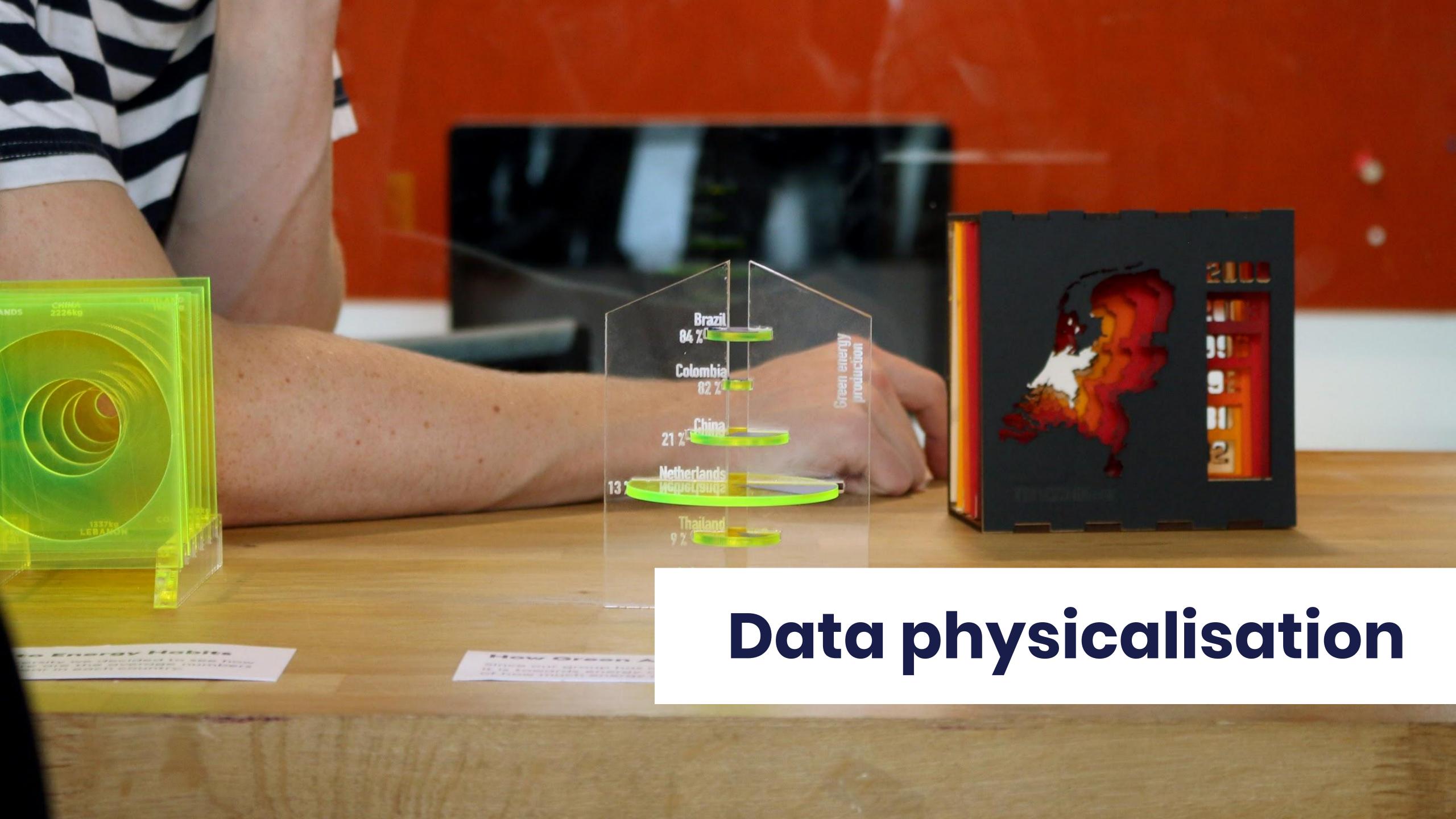
- Do a quick reflection on what you learned yesterday from your test
- Create a new version of your prototype, making it as real as possible
- Think also about how you will share your final object with others to create a real experience.



## Examples - physical









IF YOU THINK THIS AS A PRITTY CHEEST WAT TO DETERMINE SOMEONI'S BANTINESS, I DON'T BLAME YOU.

AND IT TURMS OUT THAT THIS IS EXACTLY HOW PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS COMBUCT THEIR SURVEYS: BT ASKING PEOPLE.

THIS STEMED LANGUABLE TO ME UNTIL
I LEARNED THAT WHEN FRESHLY
INTERVIEWED PEOPLE ARE PVT INTO
AN MRI SCAMMER, THE DATA
MATCHED MEATLY, WHEN THEIR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS WERE ALSO
EVESTIONED, DITTO, IT ALL CONFORMED.



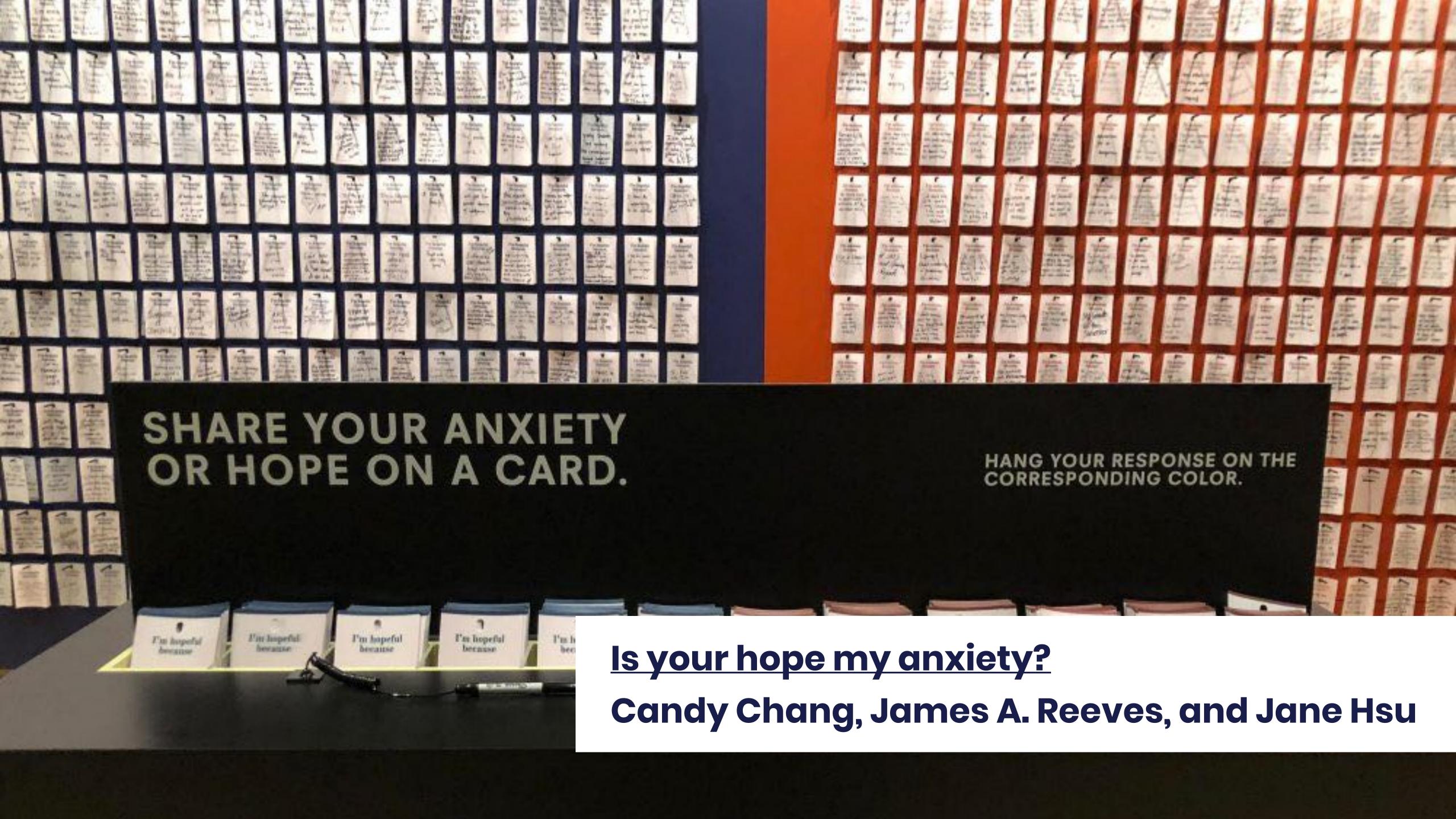
The Happy Show,
Stefan Sagmeister

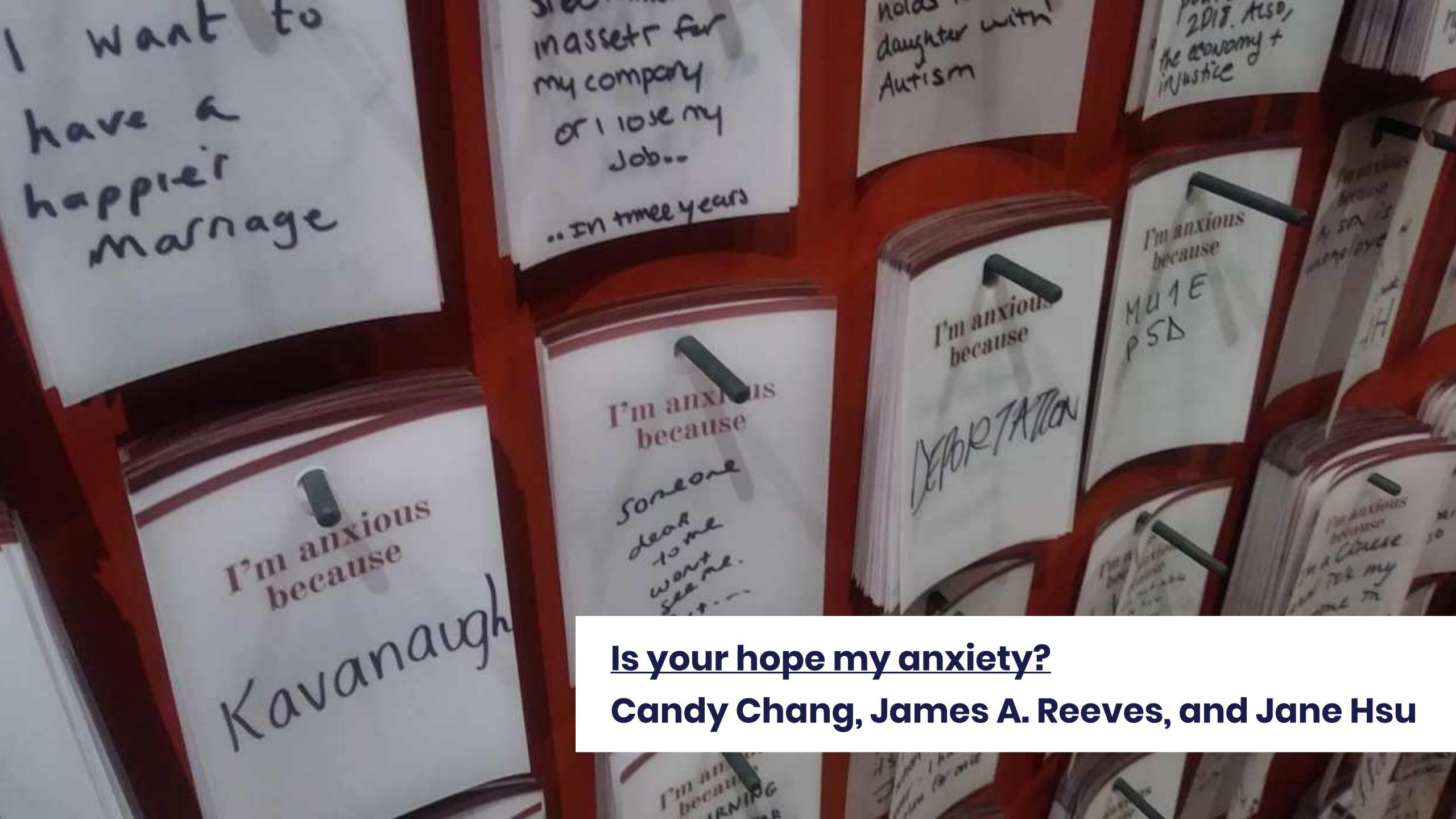
#### HOW HAPPY ARE YOU?

ON A SCALE FROM 1-10? TAKE ONE GUMBALL FROM THE CORRESPONDING MACHINE (ONE PER PERSON, PLEASE)



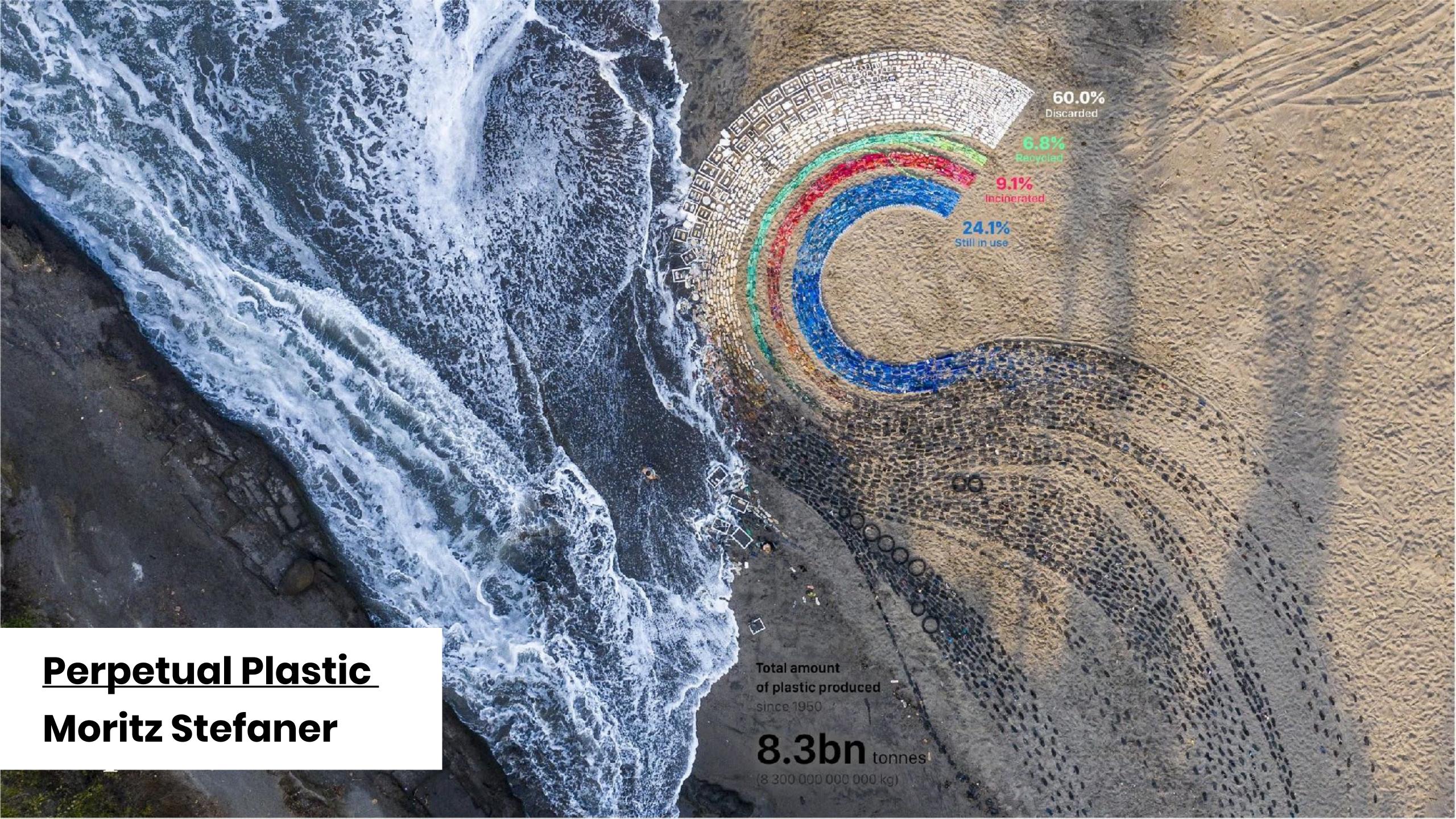






### Examples - digital





#### **Every day**

1.3 billion bottles

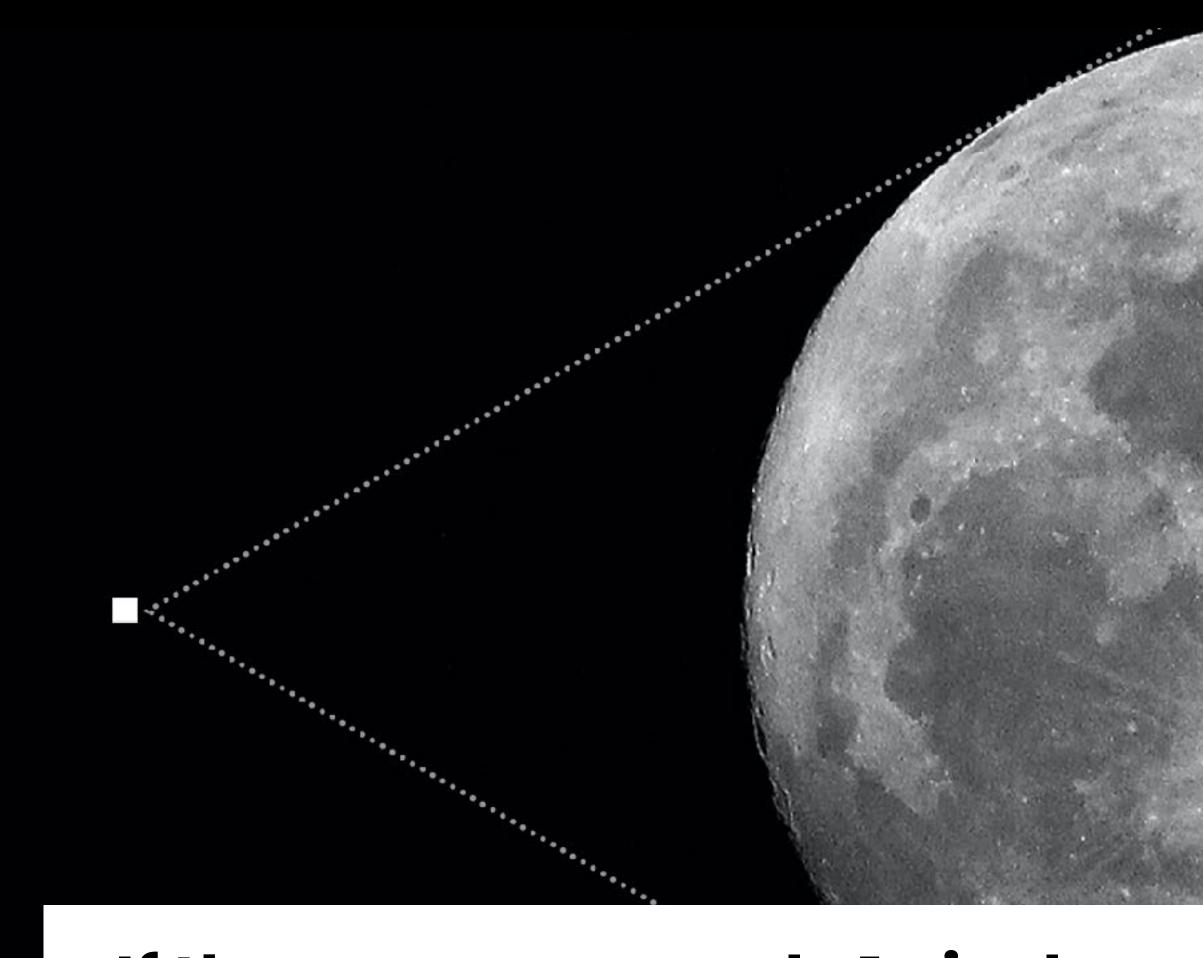
Every day the equivalent of a bottle pile half the size of the Eiffel Tower in Paris is sold around the world.



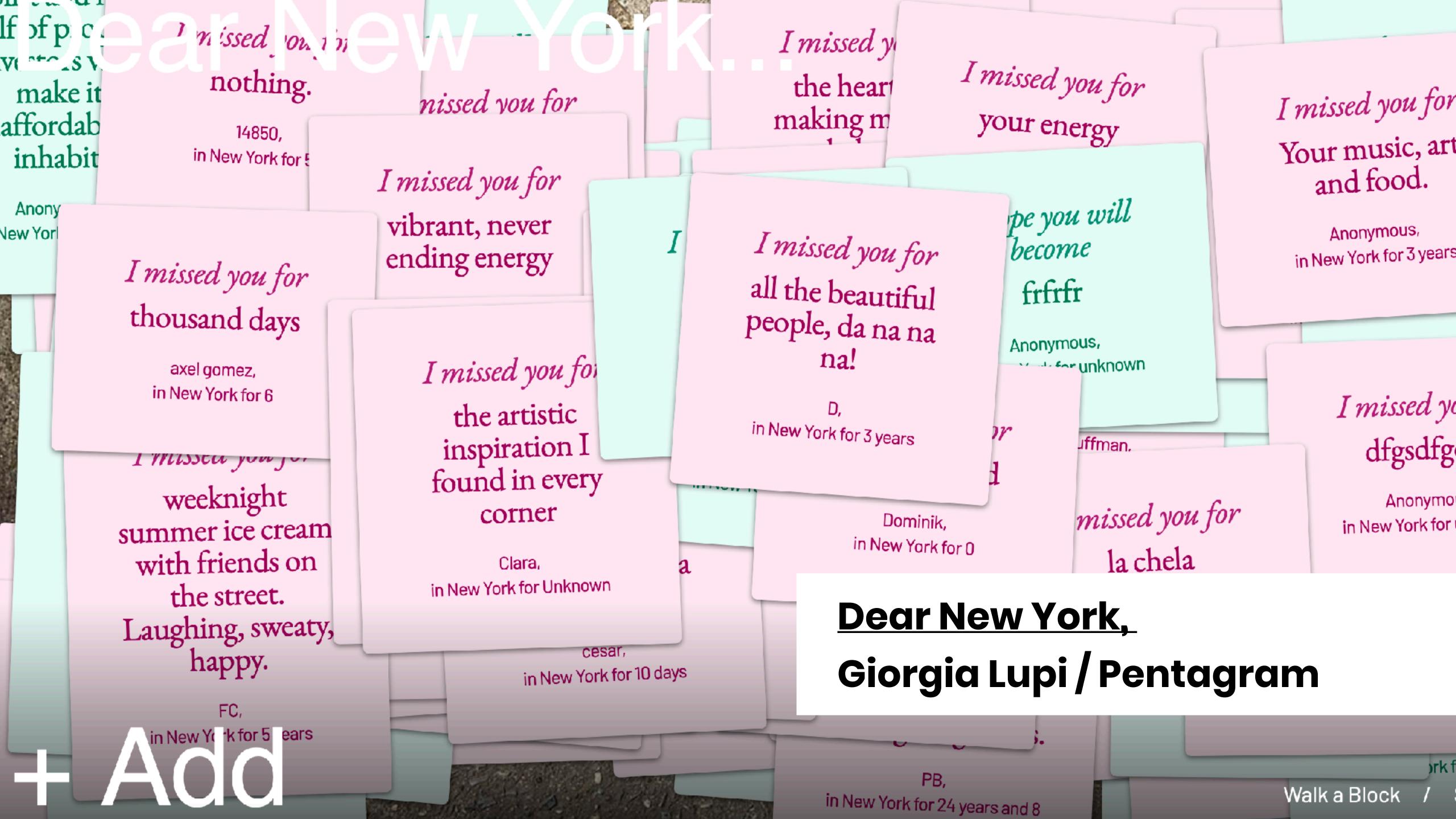
Drowning in plastic
Simon Scarr and Marco
Hernandez, Reuters

\$200 billion (wealth of Jeff Bezos) 1 pixel wealth **Matt Korostoff** 

## WEREONLY



<u>If the moon were only 1 pixel</u> Josh Worth



# Sprint 4: Share it!

Time: 3-4 hrs

What: Share your object and collect feedback on what you have made and on your

initial challenge

How: Test or present your final object with others. Don't forget to document your

process as well!

**Deliverables:** Final presentation and documentation (depending on your object this could be the slides you use to present, a picture of your prototype, a video of your experience, or a short write up of your process).

Possible methods: Through other eyes, Video prototype, Medium article



#### The steps

- Document your work. Share your initial challenge, key insight, a picture of your prototype and a short description on social media and with your local organiser.
   This way they can share it with the global organisation and include it in the report that will be shared with UNDP!
- Create a space that's best for you to share your prototype. This could be a pitch, a small exhibition, an installation etc. Practice your story and presentation: and then share it with the others!
- Reflect: what did you learn? What would you need to continue tackling your challenge? Can you already plan for a next step in looking for a partner, or start thinking of a solution?